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SPORT This weekend, 39,000 people will once again make Ottawa Race Weekend the biggest running event in the country.

Sold out for the first time, the event, which includes the 10K, 5K and 2K events Saturday and the marathon, half-marathon, kids' marathon and wheelchair marathon Sunday, has come a long way since the Ottawa Marathon was first held in 1975, said general manager Jim Robinson.

"People from all over the country love to come to Ottawa in May and participate in this event," he said. "With more people concerned with fitness ... all events across the country, not just ours, are experiencing growth."

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'Inspiring design' unveiled

Lansdowne plan would revamp Frank Clair Stadium, expand Glebe grid

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The new Lansdowne Park would reflect its long history as a meeting space, as well as be a lively urban site, reflecting its Glebe neighbourhood, architects said Thursday.

The long-awaited design for the proposed redevelopment features a refurbished Frank Clair Stadium with a wooden veil that would reflect Ottawa's history as a lumber town and an expansion of the Glebe's grid street system to accommodate a mix of commercial space, residential development and public squares.

The design also moves the Horticulture Building to the east side of the Aberdeen Pavilion, where it could become the home of the Ottawa Farmers' Market and a Parks Canada interpretation centre for the Rideau Canal.

The new park would "respect the 150-year history of the site," said architect Barry Hobin, who, along with architects Richard Brisbin and Robert Clairborne and the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group, unveiled the design Thursday.

After watching the presentation, Mayor Larry O'Brien said he felt "like a child on Christmas Day."



The Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group unveiled the design for the proposed redevelopment of Lansdowne Park Thursday. The design, which features a refurbished Frank Clair Stadium with a wooden veil, an expansion of the Glebe street grid and a relocated Horticulture Building, will respect the 150-year history of the site, said one of the architects, Barry Hobin. More images at metronews.ca/local.

"It's exciting that we are on the threshold of finally moving forward with a plan to bring Lansdowne back to its former glory," he said.

"It's an inspiring design," said planning and environment committee chair Coun. Peter Hume. While in recent years the buildings at Lansdowne have deteriorated, the new

Lansdowne, he said, "will be a proud facility for the citizens of Ottawa."

The stadium building has been much talked about and a lot of people were looking forward to the designs going public," he said.

Capital Ward Coun. Clive Doucet, a staunch opponent of the Lansdowne development, saw

little to change his mind in Thursday's presentation.

"It was basically developers selling a project and they did a very good job," he said.

"Lots of history, lots of beautiful visuals, but the fundamentals of it don't change. It's a huge development, they're gonna make a lot of money and

we're gonna spend a ton of money on a new stadium."

A public comment period on the OSEG designs for the refurbished stadium and Civic Centre, and mixed-use area near Bank Street, runs from June 1-13 on ottawa.ca.

Council debates the project for approval June 28.

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Cop faces impaired driving charges

HIT-AND-RUN An Ottawa police officer faces several charges under the Criminal Code of Canada after police responded to a hit-and-run collision earlier this year.

On March 18, police investigated a collision on Montreal Road where a vehicle first struck a pole and then a second vehicle.

On Thursday, police charged an officer with impaired driving, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop at the scene of an accident and discreditable conduct.

Sgt. Christopher McGuinness appears in court June 16. TRACY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Canadian record in runner's sights

Japanese marathoner, competing amid 'fabulous field,' aims for new top time

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He had a coveted spot as a runner for a corporate team, but celebrated Japanese marathoner Arata Fujiwara had bigger dreams.

So a few months ago, the 28-year-old made an unprecedented move that created a buzz in his native Japan. Because the time constraints of competing on a corporate team prevent many athletes from racing overseas, he gave up his spot to race internationally, becoming the first Japanese male marathoner to do so.

"My goal as a marathon runner is to be successful internationally," Fujiwara told Metro through his agent and translator Brett Larner.

On Sunday, the elite athlete takes the first big step towards that goal as he competes in the Ottawa Marathon.

One of the top contenders for the marathon win, Fujiwara is also aiming to break the record of 2:08:32 for the fastest marathon run on Canadian soil.

Fujiwara, who arrived in Canada for the first time earlier this week, ran a personal best of 2:08:40 at the 2008 Tokyo



Ottawa Race Weekend's elite athlete co-ordinator Manny Rodrigues, left, chats Thursday with Arata Fujiwara, one of the top men's marathon contenders. Fujiwara is hoping to set a new marathon record for fastest time on Canadian soil.

Marathon. He placed second again at the Tokyo Marathon this year despite freezing rain, heavy winds and snow.

One of several elite ath-

letes invited to Ottawa Race Weekend by elite athlete co-ordinator Manny Rodrigues, Fujiwara will be up against four-time Ottawa winner Kenyan David Cheruiyot, Ethiopians Bazu Worku and Teferi Wodajo, Kenyan Philip Manyim and Canadian Danny Kassap.

"We have a fabulous field of athletes this year," said Rodrigues. "We've scaled it down, but the quality is a lot higher, particularly in the men's marathon. We have a phenomenal, world-class field that should see us set a new Canadian soil record if the weather holds out well."

Canada Day to be green, entertaining ... and very royal

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Performers Blueprint Cru show off their moves at the Capital Infocentre Thursday during the preview for this year's Canada Day festivities on Parliament Hill. Also performing this year are the Barenaked Ladies, Quebec chanteuse Isabelle Boulay and country artist Johnny Reid.

CELEBRATION This year's Canada Day will feature a royal visit, an impressive roster of Canadian entertainers and the greenest celebration yet, the National Capital Commission and Canada's heritage minister announced Thursday.

"This year, we will have the special honour of celebrating Canada Day with Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh," said Heritage Minister James Moore.

"They will be joined at the noon show by the Prime Minister of course, and tens of thousands of proud Canadians."

This year's performance lineup includes the Bare-naked Ladies, Quebec chanteuse Isabelle Boulay, country artist Johnny Reid,

the bagpipe-playing Campbell Brothers, Halifax singer-songwriter Christina Martin, jazz artist Dione Taylor, Montreal's H'sao, and Hey Rosetta! from St. John's.

This year's celebrations will emphasize recycling and environmental responsibility. NCC CEO Marie Lemay said, and reduce waste by providing water stations for revellers to fill their reusable containers.

"The environment is a top priority for Canadians and we launched our environmental strategy last year and made the commitment that Canada Day 2010 would be carbon neutral and I'm pleased to say that that will be the case," she said.

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Park decision praised

Ecology Ottawa lauds city for landfill conversion

STEVE COLLINS
for Metro Ottawa



Ecology Ottawa is offering qualified praise for the city's decision to turn part of an old landfill into two solar energy parks.

Ecology spokesman Trevor Hache said he's pleased with the initiative, but he'd like the city to

make a bigger commitment to green energy.

"It's a significant first step, but our feeling is that Hydro Ottawa needs to go green big time, not only for environmental reasons but for the green that will be generated in terms of revenue for the City of Ottawa," he said Thursday.

Council voted on Wednesday to lease two

parcels of land near the Trail Road waste facility to Energy Ottawa, the renewable energy arm of Hydro Ottawa, for the solar parks.

The project is expected to generate enough power for 1,500 homes. Ottawa will receive \$2.5 million in rent over the next 20 years, plus potential extra revenue from the sale of the energy.

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Healthy Lifestyles Festival pie contest encourages smart eating

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FOOD With the Healthy Lifestyles Festival just weeks away, there's still time to enter the Raw Vegan Pie Contest.

The contest shows that raw food is more than just carrot sticks and salads, said organizer Natasha Kysa.

"You can really go beyond, with cheesecakes with nuts and seeds and no dairy, no wheat, no gluten and no sugar," she said.

"People need to be more mindful of what they're putting into their bodies," she said. "Most people have strayed so far from nature. They're bogged down by processed foods, sugars, caffeine and a lot of toxins."

Eating raw, she said, improves energy levels and the digestive system and encourages weight loss.

The contest is a part of the free festival, held at Central Park from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., rain or shine, on June 19. The pies must be vegan — that is, not contain any animal products — and uncooked.

Enter online at simplyraw.ca.

Parliament Mexican visit



Mexican President Felipe Calderon is welcomed onto Parliament Hill by Prime Minister Stephen Harper as Calderon's wife, Margarita Zavala, looks on, Thursday. **More coverage, page 6.**

Two charged with fraud

CUMBERLAND Police laid numerous charges Thursday against two Embrun women following a lengthy investigation into frauds at a retirement facility. Police said that in 1998, a female suspect obtained employment at the Cumberland Lodge by allegedly falsely representing herself as a registered nurse. Over a period of more than 10 years, she allegedly defrauded over 50 senior residents and the Cumberland Lodge of close to \$500,000.

Mary Joanne Ireamne Talbot-Brisson, 46, faces 25

charges including criminal breach of trust, fraud exceeding \$5,000, theft exceeding \$5,000, possession of proceeds of crime, misappropriation of money held under direction, falsify employment record, and utter forged document.

Police have also charged Mary Joanne Josee Brisson, 22, with criminal breach of trust, theft under \$5,000, fraud under \$5,000, and misappropriation of money held under direction. Both appear in court Friday.

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News in brief

CHORAL FESTIVAL Ottawa will play host to one of Canada's largest choral festivals in May 2014. Hundreds of singers from across Canada will converge in Ottawa for the Unisong Festival, a quadrennial festival for GLBTQ choirs in Canada.

RADIO There's a new radio station on the airwaves. The National Capital Region's new "At Work" radio station, 99.7 EZ ROCK, launched Thursday, offers adult contemporary music. The station plans to donate \$6 million at 440 stores across the province.

five years in support of Ottawa Bluesfest, the National Arts Centre and other organizations.

FUNDRAISER On Saturday and Sunday, donate your empties at any Ottawa Beer Store and help raise money for leukemia research. The goal is to raise \$1 million at 440 stores across the province.

ENVIRONMENT The city is hosting a one-day household hazardous waste collection depot at Waste Management at 254 Westbrook Rd. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. METRO OTTAWA

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservatives are opening a sizable gap over the Liberals, a new poll suggests. The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey gives the Conservatives a nine-point lead nationally, with the support of 36 per cent of decided respondents, compared with 27 per cent for the Liberals. The NDP was at 16 per cent. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canada



Latimer calls the tune

Robert Latimer, the Saskatchewan farmer convicted of killing his disabled daughter, has inspired a song by the legendary Ozzy Osbourne, left. Called Latimer's Mercy, it's included on the rocker's upcoming Scream CD. Latimer is serving a life sentence for second-degree murder.

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Rivals circling as iPad arrives

Not sure whether you need or can afford one of Apple's iPad tablet computers? Well, you may not have to wait long for cheaper alternatives to hit the market.

About two months after its U.S. release, the iPad was finally to come to Canada on Friday with a range of models priced between \$549 and \$879.

It's an impressive tech toy and owns the market. For now.

"I have a feeling (the tablet market) is probably going to evolve very quickly," said Emily Taylor, an analyst with IDC Canada.

"I anticipate the offerings will be coming out

pretty fast and furious for the remainder of 2010 and into 2011."

Although Apple CEO Steve Jobs has suggested the iPad will eliminate the need for laptops, many users have said it's not quite a replacement for a real computer. The iPad's web browser doesn't handle video, lacks a webcam and doesn't allow multitasking. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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The iPad is shown after it was unveiled at the Moscone Center in San Francisco. Consumers who aren't quite sure whether they need or can afford one of Apple's iPad tablet computers may not have to wait long for cheaper alternatives to hit the market.

Message to Mexico: Visas stay for now

TRAVEL It will be year or more before Canada can lift its controversial visa requirement for Mexican visitors, says Immigration Minister Jason Kenney.

Kenney echoed visiting Mexican President Felipe Calderon in saying he regrets the visa decision, but he stressed it will remain in place until Canada's flawed refugee system is fixed.

The Mexican leader addressed the visa issue during a speech to Parliament on Thursday, confronting a source of friction between the two countries. Both sides took pains to play down the rift.

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Police pose as 12-year-olds in Internet porn probe

Police say five people were arrested in Durham Region near Toronto in an investigation into the luring of children and exchanging child pornography over the Internet. Officers used a variety of investigative techniques, including posing as 12- to 14-year-old girls in chat rooms on the Internet. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sound cannons ready for summit

PROTEST The addition of sound cannons to the arsenal of security forces managing G20 protests comes as no surprise to groups planning to demonstrate in Toronto at next month's summit.

They say it's just one more signal amid an unprecedented security operation that dissenting voices are being muzzled.

"We were expecting the use of sound cannons, sound grenades, Tasers, tear gas — they've been used in the past against Canadian protesters," said Sharneen Khan, spokesperson for the Toronto Community Mobilization Network.

"We definitely are concerned that this will scare people away."

The sound cannons are capable of emitting ear-piercing and hearing-damaging alerts that can be heard up to 1.5 kilometres away.

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Mountie tells of Haiti's sex slaves



Smugglers preying on kids orphaned by earthquake

Smugglers have been spiriting Haitian quake orphans out of the country to become sex slaves in the Dominican Republic, authorities say.

A Mountie just back from Haiti says authorities have uncovered "safe houses," where predators hide children before whisking them over the border.

The perpetrators pose as aid workers or even work for legitimate charities, specifically to gain access to children, said RCMP Sgt. Lana Prosper.

Investigators suspect some of those preying on desperate children in Haiti also peddled child-sex videos found online from Sri Lanka, Thailand and other countries.

It's just a matter of time

before videos of young Haitian quake victims surface, said Prosper, home from a month in Haiti.

"Since we've been there and since we've been back, there have been groups of children found at the border in so-called safe houses," she said.

"People put children into these homes and then wait till darkness to get them across the border."

Sgt. Lana Prosper

across the border. It's happening."

Prosper says these people are "pure evil." They inflict pain and humiliation, damaging innocent minds and young bodies.

Prosper's team worked in Port-au-Prince, helping police protect children after the Jan. 12 earthquake, which killed 230,000 people.

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As a Mountie returned to Canada with stories of child sex slaves, turbulence continued in Haiti. Here, protesters in Port-au-Prince Thursday demand the resignation of President René Préval.

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Less cash, more risk

Poor likelier to suffer heart attacks, study finds

Canadians who live in low-income neighbourhoods are more likely to have a heart attack than their wealthier counterparts, a new report indicates.

But in terms of how they fare when they get to hospital, their quality of care appears to be about the same, says the report released Thursday by the Canadian Institute for Health Information.

"This is data to support providing specific strategies to help at-risk and disadvantaged populations," said Toronto cardiologist Dr. Beth Abramson, a spokesperson for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

"Canadians can't rely on a good in-hospital health-

care system to prevent the heart disease in the first place ... I think we'll be misled if we think that equal access to health care means equal access to good health."

Almost 67,000 Canadians landed in hospital due to a

heart attack in 2008-09. A breakdown of five neighbourhood income levels found that those in the least-affluent areas were 37 per cent more likely to have a heart attack than those in the most-affluent districts.

Heart attack rates were at a high of 347 per 100,000 in Newfoundland and Labrador and a low of 169 per 100,000 in British Columbia, after population age differences were taken into account.

"B.C., who seems to be doing relatively well, has had its prevention strategy ... for many years, and that may help explain some of the differences we're seeing," Abramson noted.

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News in brief

PARLIAMENT The Liberals shielded one of their own Thursday from answering questions about alleged lobbying at the same committee where they have grilled former Tory MP Rahim Jaffer over similar accusations. Liberal MP Derek Lee showed up at the

government operations committee ostensibly to answer questions about his role at a Toronto law firm. But Lee, an expert in Commons procedure, immediately argued that this was the wrong committee to tackle the issue.

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Rideau Hall Honouring their fallen daughter



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The parents of Calgary Herald reporter Michelle Lang, Cassandra and Arthur Lang, are honoured during the Michener awards for journalism at Rideau Hall on Thursday. Michelle Lang — killed while reporting in Afghanistan on Dec. 30, 2009 — received the Michener-Baxter Special award.

Mayors call for new partnership with federal government

CITIES Canada's big city mayors say it shouldn't take an economic crisis to get the fiscal help they need from the federal government. With federal stimulus spending coming to an end, the mayors are calling on the Harper govern-

ment to strike a new partnership between all levels of government.

Toronto Mayor David Miller says if Ottawa can find \$1 billion for G20 security it can find money for transit. His Montreal counterpart, Gerald Trem-

blay, says municipalities turned federal economic stimulus dollars into jobs — an example of the type of co-operation needed to build strong cities.

The comments come after a meeting in Toronto today that's expected to set

the tone for the annual conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, which starts Friday.

The mayors say a new partnership is needed on issues such as homelessness and crumbling infrastructure.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DEPRESSION RESEARCH

Psychiatrists at the Ottawa Psychopharmacology Clinic are currently conducting a research study of an investigational medication for depression.

The purpose of the study is to further our knowledge about the possible treatment of depression. Study duration is initially 8 weeks with possible continuation of up to 16 weeks in total. Included are a physical exam, blood tests and a psychiatric interview. All information provided will be treated in strictest confidence. To volunteer, you must be 18-70 years of age, not currently in psychiatric treatment (unless you are being referred by your treating doctor), have no drug or alcohol problems and be in generally good physical health.

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News in brief

MEAT Beef from British Columbia is still welcome in the United States, but B.C. ranchers now face some new export rules. The U.S. Department of Agriculture now requires B.C. cattle to be tested for brucellosis before leaving Canada if the animals are not destined for immediate slaughter south of the border. "The USDA as a precautionary measure has implemented some restrictions on movement of cattle," said Keith Lehman, a spokesman for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

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COURTS Canada's top court has reinstated the conviction of a Saskatchewan man who sexually assaulted his stepdaughter. The Supreme Court of Canada says the judge at the man's original trial in 2006 made no mistake in allowing an email apology to his ex-wife as evidence. The Supreme Court decision quashes an order for a new trial that had been made by Saskatchewan's Court of Appeal over the apology issue. The case is not over however.

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Summer is fast approaching, and many people are getting ready to look their best in the sun. Remember, your smile is just as important to your appearance as your skin and body because your smile is one of the first things people notice. Fact is, whitening your teeth for a dazzling smile can make a big difference in both how you look and how you feel about yourself because a whiter smile exudes youthfulness and good health.

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Choreographer, theorist win \$50,000
Renowned Montreal choreographer Edouard Lock and Toronto-based literary theorist Linda Hutcheon have each won a \$50,000 Molson Prize from the Canada Council for the Arts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Busy hurricane season on tap

U.S. organization forecasts eight to 14 storms, Canada advises preparations

Environment Canada is warning people to prepare as predictions of an active Atlantic hurricane season loom for the next six months.

In the United States, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is predicting eight to 14 hurricanes for the 2010 season. It says three to seven of them would be major storms that reach Category 3 or higher — meaning they bring sustained winds of at least 176 km/h.

The Atlantic hurricane season begins Tuesday and runs through Nov. 30.

The Canadian Hurricane Centre says the U.S. prediction is consistent with other seasonal forecasts issued earlier this year.

"A number of international hurricane authorities are predicting that this year will be an active hurricane season in the Atlantic basin," Chris Fogarty, program supervisor for the Canadian centre, said in a statement on Thursday as the latest forecast was issued.

"Knowing the overall amount of hurricane activity predicted for the entire Atlantic is much less important than knowing how to prepare for the one



The Canadian flag, reflected in an office tower, flaps in winds gusting to nearly 60 km/h in Halifax yesterday. Environment Canada is warning people to prepare as predictions of an active Atlantic hurricane season loom for the next six months.

storm which could affect you."

He said each year, on average, one or two storms

directly affect Canadian territory, with another two or three threatening offshore waters.

"If this outlook holds true, this season could be one of the more active on record."

Jane Lubchenko, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The centre says last year was a relatively quiet season as only hurricane Bill and the remnants of tropical storm Danny had any impact on the East Coast. Bill struck what the centre describes as a "glancing blow" as it tracked south of Nova Scotia, while Danny brought heavy rains and gusty winds to most of the Maritimes and Newfoundland.

In the United States, NOAA administrator Jane Lubchenko issued a similar warning about being prepared.

"If this outlook holds true, this season could be one of the more active on record," she said in a statement. "The greater likelihood of storms brings an increased risk of a landfall."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

No arrests, but suspects ID'd in B.C. killing

CRIME Mounties probing the murder of a Vancouver Island high school student say they have identified suspects in the March killing, but no one has been arrested.

Cpl. Darren Lagan said 18-year-old Kimberly Proctor knew the suspects, although he wouldn't say if they were classmates or reveal their ages.

"There are multiple suspects," he said Thursday after police began searching

a home on Wednesday night in connection with Proctor's murder.

Lagan said police are appealing to other individuals who may have information to come forward and help solve the murder.

"Those individuals, we believe, know the suspects and know what happened to Kimberly," he said. "They have yet to share fully the information they have."

Proctor's badly burned

body was discovered March 19 in a wooded ravine along the Galloping Goose hiking trail that runs from Victoria to Sooke.

Lagan said investigators are aware of the anxiety surrounding the slaying and took the unusual step of revealing suspects have been identified.

Police are confident Proctor's murder was not a random attack and hope word of the latest break in

the case will reduce some of the worry, he said.

The search of the Happy Valley Road home west of Victoria appears to be concentrated in the rear, where a police trailer was parked right up against the open garage door.

Neighbours said they believed a woman and a teenaged male lived at the home. Laurie Zuffa said she saw Proctor in the neighbourhood.

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Study looks into seal cull

The windswept beaches of Sable Island would become a scene of slaughter if the federal government adopts the results of a study that explores in chilling detail how 220,000 of the island's grey seals could be exterminated over five years.

The 2009 feasibility study, compiled for the federal Fisheries Department, says the first year of a proposed cull would target 100,000 seals, requiring a team of 20 specially trained hunters with silenced rifles to kill 4,000 seals per day during the dead of winter.

"At this production rate, a tandem dump truck would be filled with seals approximately every 10 minutes — seven hours per day for 25 days," says the 68-page study, drafted by engineering consultants at Halifax-based CBCL Ltd.

The hunters' rifles would be equipped with silencers to avoid spooking the herd, the report says. Since silencers are a prohibited device in Canada, the federal government would be required to get a special permit to import them from the United States.

"To avoid suffering, animals should be killed by a well-aimed shot to the head," the study says. "Any orphaned pup should be killed lest it starves to death."

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News in brief

HORMONE DRUGS The maker of a hormone replacement drug that's been blamed for higher rates of breast cancer has lost its bid to block a B.C. class-action lawsuit. The Supreme Court of Canada today declined to hear an appeal from Wyeth-Ayerst International, which makes the drugs Premarin and Prempress.

ENERGY COMPANY INCENTIVE The Alberta government announced a new royalty incentive program Thursday aimed at encouraging energy companies to drill technically challenging wells in the province.

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East-West Downtown Segregated Bike Facility Pilot Project

Public Meeting

Monday June 7, 2010
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Dalhousie Community Centre
755 Somerset Street West

Tuesday June 8, 2010
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
McNabb Community Centre
180 Percy Street

Thursday June 10, 2010
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Dominion-Chalmers United Church,
Woodside Hall
355 Cooper Street

Monday June 14, 2010
5 to 7 p.m.
City Hall – Rotunda
110 Laurier Avenue West

Each public meeting includes a presentation that begins 30 minutes after the start time followed by **discussion group sessions**.

Pre-registration for discussion groups is required at ottawa.ca/bikelane or call 3-1-1. Discussion group pre-registration ends **Monday, June 7 at 12 noon**

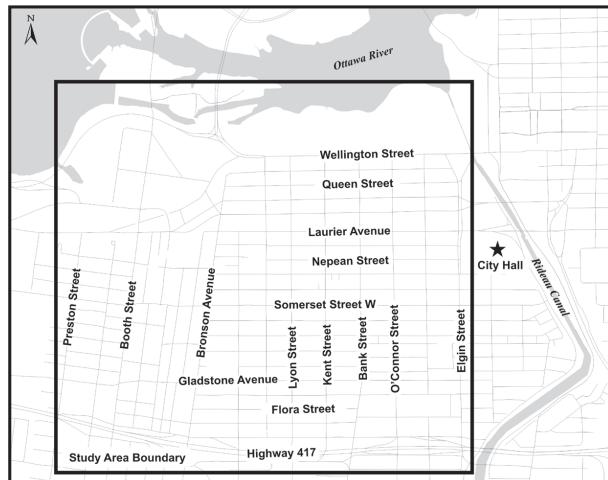
What is this meeting about?

The City of Ottawa has initiated a pilot project for the identification of an east-west downtown segregated bike facility within the area bounded by Elgin Street, Preston Street, the Ottawa River and Highway 417. The bicycle facility is intended to be installed for a minimum of one-year on the selected corridor and it is being planned to be maintained throughout the winter months. The intent of this undertaking is to develop a recommended plan to provide a safe, fully segregated bike facility that better connects cycling facilities through the downtown.

Why Attend?

The purpose of this meeting is to provide:

- A description and examples of segregated bike facilities
- A description of the potential corridors being considered
- A description of the evaluation criteria and analysis to date
- A description of the potential benefits and impacts
- Opportunities for you to become involved in the evaluation process, identification of local issues and the development of the facility.



Need more information?

If you are not available to attend the meeting or would like additional information, please visit the project webpage at ottawa.ca/bikelane or direct your comments and questions to the project manager listed below. The presentation material for the meeting will be available on the project webpage after June 7.

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World



Student not entitled to private room

Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry has vetoed an abortion bill that would limit coverage by private insurers. The bill includes exceptions for cases of rape, incest or to prevent the death of the mother. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Obama: 'I take responsibility'

President answers to criticism of response to worst oil spill in U.S. history

Criticism mounting, U.S. President Barack Obama vigorously defended his administration's response to the worst oil spill in the nation's history as he prepared for his second inspection tour of the battered Gulf Coast. While standing up for the effort so far, he frankly acknowledged he could have done better.

"I take responsibility. It is my job to make sure that everything is done to shut this down," Obama declared in a lengthy news conference at the White House on Thursday. As he spoke, well owner BP struggled anew to plug the blown well that exploded five weeks ago, killing 11 workers and sending millions of gallons of polluting

18M

Best-case estimate in millions of gallons of oil so far leaked into Gulf.

39M

Worst-case estimate in millions of gallons leaked.

BP resumes 'top kill' attempt to stem oil after delay

GULF OF MEXICO As BP laboured for a second day Thursday to choke off the leak at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico, dire new government estimates showed the disaster has easily eclipsed the Exxon Valdez as the biggest oil spill in U.S. history.

The company announced late in the day that it had suspended shooting heavy drilling mud into the

Offshore drilling restrictions

- Obama announced new steps to restrict drilling, including continuing a moratorium on drilling permits for six months, suspending

planned exploratory drilling off the coasts of Alaska and Virginia and ordering a halt to 33 exploratory deep-water rigs in the Gulf of Mexico.

oil gushing out. Obama's words marked a clear shift of emphasis for an administration that previously had said it was generally "in charge" but there were limits to what it could do — and that oil giant BP was responsible for stopping the flow and cleaning up the disastrous damage.

He also said he regretted not pushing BP sooner to release underwater video footage of the leak and not realizing that oil companies did not have "their act together when it came to worst case scenarios." Though he said the government was giving the orders in the aftermath, he acknowledged that BP hasn't always done what officials have asked, for instance ignoring directions to fully explore less-toxic alternatives to the chemical dispersant being used now on the oil.

Asked about comparisons to the Bush administration's much-criticized handling of the Hurricane Katrina aftermath, he said

that was for others to judge but he insisted his administration has been active from the start.

"This has been our highest priority" since the rig exploded, he said, making the point repeatedly.

"My job right now is just to make sure everybody in the Gulf understands: This is what I wake up to in the morning, and this is what I go to bed at night thinking about. The spill."

Obama marked out half a dozen areas where he and his administration could have done better.

They included: not moving sooner to finish reforming what he called "cozy and sometimes corrupt" relations between the oil industry and government regulators; not recognizing that those flaws continued before approving an expansion of offshore drilling, and not obtaining more quickly an accurate estimate on the amount of oil gushing from the leak.

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Louisiana's Gov. Bobby Jindal points to oil on a beach where workers are building barriers to keep it from entering wetlands near Grand Isle, La., Thursday.

"The fact we had a bunch of mud going up the riser isn't ideal but it's not necessarily indicative of a problem."

BP spokesman Tom Mueller

blown-out well 5,000 feet underwater around midnight Wednesday so it could assess how the effort was working and bring in more materials.

Thursday evening, BP

PLC said it had resumed the pumping procedure known as a top kill. Officials said it could be late Friday or the weekend before the company knows if it has cut off the oil that

has been flowing for five weeks.

BP insisted the top kill was progressing as planned, though the company acknowledged drilling mud was escaping from the broken pipe along with the leaking crude.

"The fact that we had a bunch of mud going up the riser isn't ideal but it's not necessarily indicative of a problem," said spokesman

Tom Mueller.

Early Thursday, officials said the process was going well, but later in the day they announced pumping had been suspended 16 hours earlier. BP did not characterize the suspension as a setback, and Eric Smith, associate director of the Tulane Energy Institute, said the move did not indicate the top kill had failed.

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Sharia officers stop a woman wearing pants at a check point in Pasi Jambu, Indonesia, Thursday.

Tight pants banned

Indonesian district restricts clothing Muslim women can wear

Authorities in a devoutly Islamic district of Indonesia's Aceh province have distributed 20,000 long skirts and prohibited shops from selling tight dresses as a regulation banning Muslim women from wearing revealing clothing took effect Thursday.

The long skirts are to be given to Muslim women caught violating the dress code during a two-month campaign to enforce the regulation, said Ramli Mansur, head of West Aceh district.

Islamic police will determine whether a woman's clothing violates the dress code, he said.

During raids Thursday, Islamic police caught 18

women travelling on motorbikes who were wearing traditional headscarves but were also dressed in jeans. Each woman was given a long skirt and her pants were confiscated. They were released from police custody after giving their identities and receiving advice from Islamic preachers.

"I am not wearing sexy outfits, but they caught me like a terrorist only because of my jeans," said Imma, a 40-year-old housewife who uses only one name. She argued that wearing jeans is more comfortable when she travels by motorbike.

Motorbikes are commonly used by both men and women in Indonesia.

"The rule applies only to

Muslim residents in West Aceh," Mansur told The Associated Press. "We don't enforce it for non-Muslims, but are asking them to respect us."

He said any shopkeepers caught violating restrictions on selling short skirts and jeans would face a revocation of their business licenses.

No merchants have been seen displaying jeans or tight clothing in stores in West Aceh district in recent weeks. The regulation is the latest effort to promote strict moral values in the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation, where most of the roughly 200 million Muslims practise a moderate form of the faith. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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WHO: Women smokers to double

The World Health Organization has estimated that the rate of female smokers worldwide will double by 2025, from about nine per cent in 2007. The current male smoking rate of about 40 per cent has peaked and is

slowly starting to decline. Increases among female smokers have been documented in a number of countries, including India, Singapore, the Ukraine and Russia, said Timothy O'Leary, a WHO spokesman.

14 developing countries that hopes to provide a clearer picture of how tobacco is used and promoted. It was the first standardized comparison of countries on tobacco. The results published Thursday in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, a publication of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, focus on gender differences regarding use and attitudes toward tobacco.

"Tobacco companies tar-

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Tobacco companies targeting young women, report claims

SMOKING With half of all men in some developing countries already hooked on cigarettes, the tobacco industry is now courting lucrative new customers — young women, a report said Thursday.

About 80 per cent of the world's estimated one billion smokers are men, but more women are picking up the habit in some countries as flavoured products and glossy feminine packaging cater to them. Nationwide surveys in Bangladesh, Thailand and Uruguay found that females aged 15 to 24 were more aware of tobacco marketing than older women, suggesting that advertising is directed at them.

The data were the first batch to be analyzed from the Global Adult Tobacco Survey, a large sampling of

get women and girls with aggressive and seductive advertising that exploits ideas of independence, emancipation, sex appeal, slimness, glamour and beauty," Johanna Birckmayer, director of international research at the U.S.-based Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, said in an email. They are "successfully reaching the young consumers they hope to addict," said Birckmayer, who was not involved in the research.

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Hunt for Jamaican drug lord leaves 73 dead

KINGSTON Jamaican police say at least 73 people have died as security forces hunt for a reputed drug lord wanted by the United States.

Deputy police chief Glenmore Hinds says all the deaths have occurred as police raided the Tivoli Gardens stronghold of Christopher Coke. Officials previously said that 44 civilians had died.

Information Minister Daryl Vaz said Thursday that officials are trying to identify the victims and that the government will launch independent investigations into all police ac-

"We are still searching for Mr. Coke. Certainly we can't disclose where we are looking."

Kingston deputy police chief Glenmore Hinds

tions.

Vaz has said it is unclear whether Coke is still in Jamaica.

The U.S. is seeking his extradition and called him one of the world's most dangerous drug traffickers.

"We are still searching for Mr. Coke," Deputy Police Chief Glenmore Hinds said. "Certainly we can't disclose where we are

looking."

He said Coke's offices were found in the heart of the Tivoli Gardens slum, but would not say what authorities found there.

Vaz said that officials were trying to identify decomposed bodies and that the government would conduct an independent investigation into police actions during the raid.

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Congolese rebels flouting sanctions: UN

Rebel groups in eastern Congo are illegally imposing taxes on trucks and pedestrians and receiving local, regional and international support in violation of UN sanctions, UN experts said Thursday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

The Netherlands Election day looms

Citizens will go to the polls June 9 in the Netherlands, a country that has been at the forefront of a Europe-wide crackdown on immigration and the debate over a perceived failure of Muslims to integrate over the past decade. But issues like banning burkas and mandatory citizenship classes for immigrants have been pushed aside in favour of debates over balancing the budget.

Congress votes to end 'don't ask, don't tell'

The U.S. House of Representatives has voted to repeal the 1993 law known as "don't ask, don't tell" and allow gays to serve openly in the military.

The House vote Thursday came several hours after the Senate Armed Services Committee took the same course and approved a measure repealing the policy that prohibits service by gays who openly acknowledge their sexual orientation.

The House decision was a victory for U.S. President Barack Obama, who has pushed for a change in military policy, and for gay rights groups that have made an end to "don't ask, don't tell" their top legislative priority.

Republicans voted overwhelmingly against lifting the ban, saying Congress

"It's time for this policy to go. It doesn't reflect America's best values of equal opportunity."

Sen. Joe Lieberman

should wait until the Pentagon completes a review of the impact of a repeal on military life and readiness.

Earlier in the day, the Senate Armed Services Committee approved a provision to repeal the policy in a 16-12 vote.

Sen. Susan Collins, the only Republican to vote for the amendment to a defense spending bill, said it passed after "vigorous and aggressive debate."

Independent Sen. Joe Lieberman, who promoted the measure with Armed Services Chairman Carl

Levin, a Democrat, said: "It's time for this policy to go. It doesn't reflect America's best values of equal opportunity, and it's not good for the military."

The measure could face a filibuster when it reaches the Senate floor.

"I think it's really going to be very harmful to the morale and effectiveness of our military," said Sen. John McCain, the top Republican on the Armed Services Committee and a leading opponent of the repeal.

Still, the vote was welcomed by gay rights groups.

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Caste system antiquated, says Bollywood legend

INDIA Bollywood's biggest star has an answer ready if census workers ask about his caste: "Indian."

"My father never believed in caste, and neither do any of us," Amitabh Bachchan wrote in his obsessively followed blog.

Comments like Bachchan's are common in modern India, which prides itself on how it has transcended some of its most rigid traditions — and those beliefs are being heard more often as the govern-

ment debates whether the national census should delve into caste. But Joseph D'Souza doesn't believe such talk for a moment.

"There's a lot of lip service to saying I'm an Indian first, and I don't believe in caste," said D'Souza, a prominent campaigner for dalits, as India's "untouchables" at the very bottom of the caste system are now known.

He says low-caste Indians are still very much marginalized.

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News in brief

TAINTED MILK A Hong Kong judge rejected a lawsuit and claims for compensation Thursday by the parents of four Chinese children who were among thousands sickened two years ago by tainted milk powder.

The children were among 300,000 sickened after consuming milk products deliberately contaminated with the industrial chemical melamine. A Hong Kong Small Claims Tribunal adjudicator ruled the case should be handled by mainland Chinese courts since the plaintiffs are from the mainland and their children were poisoned there.

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Alabama's longest serving death row inmate has been executed by lethal injection for the 1976 kidnapping, rape and murder of a young convenience store clerk. Thomas Whisenant died Thursday evening at Holman prison. The 63-year-old inmate filed no stay requests as the execution drew near Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cops break up child porn 'networking site'

U.S. federal prosecutors say they are working with police in several countries to investigate suspects in a child pornography "social networking site" that at one point had more than 1,000 members trading explicit images.

U.S. authorities announced Wednesday that they had broken up the international online child porn site, saying more than 50 people had been arrested in more than 50 states since the 2008 start of the investigation.

They said they are also seeking the extradition of several suspects from overseas, including the alleged

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ringleader, Delwyn Savigar, who is serving a 14-year prison term in England for sexually assaulting three underage girls.

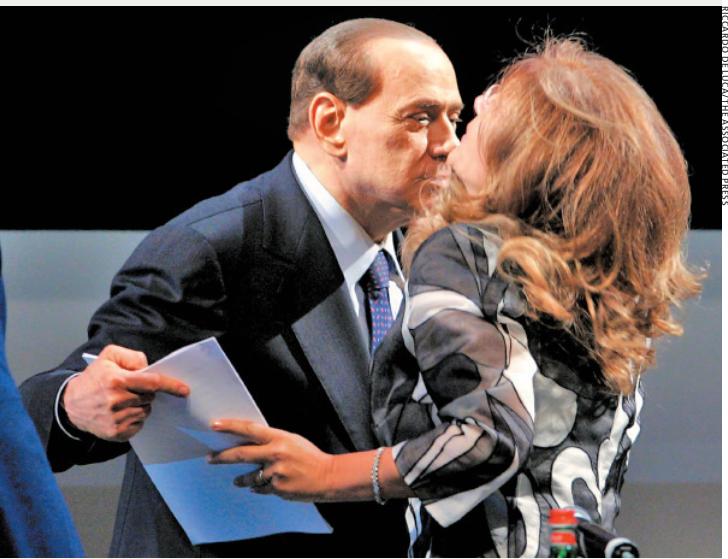
Savigar created and ran a password-protected website from which members could access collections of sexual images — some including as many as a million files — share their

fantasies about having sex with children and give advice to each other about building collections without getting caught, assistant U.S. attorney Steven D. DeBrota said. "This was a social networking site, really," he said.

To join, a person had to be sponsored by a member and voted on by other members, DeBrota said. Some members knew each other only by their screen names, but some knew each other outside of the ring. "This is the largest crimes against children case brought anywhere by anyone," DeBrota said.

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Italy Friendly meeting with industrialists



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Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, left, kisses Emma Marcegaglia, president of the Italian industrialists association, after speaking at their assembly in Rome Thursday. Italy's industrial lobby backed the government's proposed 24 billion euro in budget cuts Thursday but warned that real structural intervention was needed to rein in the country's high debt. During his speech Berlusconi offered Marcegaglia the job of industry minister.

Climber, 13, plans to scale world's 6th-highest peak

CLIMBING The 13-year-old American boy who became the youngest person to climb Mount Everest announced plans Thursday for an ascent of Mount Cho Oyu, the world's sixth highest peak.

Jordan Romero, from Big Bear, Calif., told reporters Thursday in Kathmandu that he plans to climb the 8,201-metre peak during the autumn climbing season. Cho Oyu straddles the Nepal-China border.

Nepal prohibits people under the age of 16 from

"I definitely do encourage younger people to go big."

Jordan Romero

climbing high mountain peaks, but there is no such restriction in China. Romero scaled the 8,850-metre Mount Everest last weekend from the northern side of the peak in China. He arrived in Nepal on Wednesday.

Romero is on a quest to climb the highest moun-

tain on each of the seven continents, and plans to scale the final one on his list — the 4,900-metre Vinson Massif in Antarctica — during the winter. Cho Oyu is not on that list.

Romero said the Everest expedition went smoothly despite the team battling with high winds.

"I definitely do encourage younger people to go big. I encourage other people to climb Everest and especially younger children just to go big," Romero said.

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News in brief

FLIGHT A woman who fell asleep on a United Express flight to Philadelphia says she woke up and was shocked to find she was alone on the plane. Ginger McGuire said no one had awakened her when the plane landed more than three hours earlier. She said she paced the aisle for about

15 minutes Tuesday until the locked door opened and police demanded identification. "Waking up to an empty airplane and not being able to get out — it was very horrifying," McGuire, 36, told reporters Thursday as her lawyer announced a lawsuit.

MUSIC Paul McCartney is

allowing his concert in Mexico City to be viewed for free on a giant movie screen. Mexican Culture Secretary Elena Zepeda says the screen will be set up Friday night at a plaza in the capital's Chapultepec park. She says it's the former Beatle's gift to Mexico City residents.

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- Existing conditions: What does the Mid-Centretown area look like now?
- Priority issues: What can change to create a more livable community?
- Getting involved: What is the CDP project and what happens next?

This project area is bounded by Kent Street on the west, Highway 417 on the south, Elgin Street on the east, and the Central Area boundary (mostly Gloucester Street) on the north.

Want to share your ideas? Chat about your ideas as the plan comes to life on the Mid-Centretown Tomorrow community blog midcentretowntomorrow.com. Tell us what you think living in Mid-Centretown is all about and what you believe it can become in the future.

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Family members of Monica Beresford-Redman, the slain wife of an ex-Survivor producer, held a news conference in Los Angeles a few weeks ago to voice their increasing frustration that Bruce Beresford-Redman, her husband, hasn't been arrested or charged by Mexican authorities.

Prosecutor plays down rape and death link

A Mexican prosecutor on Thursday dismissed suggestions the slaying of a U.S. television producer's wife at a Cancun resort could be related to two other suspicious deaths and an attempted rape at the same hotel.

The accusations made Wednesday by Bruce Beresford-Redman's lawyer are an attempt to muddle the investigation, said Francisco Alor, the attorney general for Quintana Roo state, where Cancun is located.

Beresford-Redman is the main suspect in the death of his wife, Monica, whose body was found April 8 in a sewer at the Moon Palace Hotel. There were signs

Canadian death

In 2007, records show a Canadian, Jeff Toews, checked into the Moon Palace and was later found dead, having suffered a fall from his third-floor balcony, lawyer Richard Hirsch said.

she had been beaten and asphyxiated.

"I don't know if the lawyers are hired to defend Mr. Bruce or are hired to smear the image of a resort," Alor said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Beresford-Redman, who has not been charged and denies involvement in his

wife's death, returned to Los Angeles last weekend, even though Mexican authorities confiscated his passport.

His lawyers say he had no legal obligation to remain in Mexico.

It's unclear how he returned Los Angeles, although U.S. citizens driving into the United States from Mexico can show other documents besides a passport.

His lawyer, Richard Hirsch, told the AP that Mexican investigators should look into previous violent events at the hotel rather than focusing exclusively on Beresford-Redman.

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News in brief

COURTS A doctor charged in the death of Michael Jackson lost a bid Thursday in a California court to resolve a child support issue that threatens his Nevada medical licence. Santa Clara County Superior Court Commissioner John Schroeder

denied Dr. Conrad Murray's request for a court order relieving Murray of an obligation to pay about \$16,000 in back child support to the mother of his 12-year-old son.

PRISON A former psychiatrist accused of duping seriously ill

people out of \$400,000 with false promises of organ transplants in the Philippines has been sentenced in New York to more than 15 years in prison. Jerome Feldman was also ordered to repay \$2 million to his victims. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mega-quake rocks Vanuatu

SOUTH PACIFIC Residents of a northern town in the South Pacific nation of Vanuatu ran into the streets Friday as a powerful magnitude 7.2 earthquake shook the area, police said.

The quake rattled the island country, briefly triggering a tsunami watch for the region, officials said. There were no immediate reports of damage or injury.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake struck at 4:14 a.m. local time and was centred 300 miles (485

kilometres) northwest of the capital, Port Vila, at a depth of 22 miles (36 kilometres). Three more sharp quakes followed in the same area, including a magnitude 6.4 more than three hours later.

"Some people left their houses in the town — they ran out the doors," police spokesman James Tari said from Luganville, the main settlement on Espiritu Santo, the main island closest to the quakes.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii

issued a tsunami warning for Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and New Caledonia, but cancelled the alert about an hour later.

The centre's duty geophysicist Barry Hershorn said they had confirmed there was no tsunami from ocean buoys and from coastal sea level gauges in Vanuatu. The quake was "a little bigger than usual — for me the shake was a really big one," he said. "At the moment there are no reports of injury or damage."

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Suspended death sentence for Tibetan linked to riots

CHINA A court in Lhasa has given a Tibetan a suspended death sentence for taking part in riots that erupted in the remote Himalayan region two years ago, an overseas Tibetan rights group said.

The Dharamsala, India-based Tibetan Center for Human Rights and Democracy said in a statement late Wednesday that the Lhasa

Intermediate People's Court sentenced Sonam Tsering, 23, to death with a two-year reprieve on Tuesday. Such sentences are usually commuted to life in prison.

It said Sonam Tsering is the seventh Tibetan so far to be sentenced to death for the riots, including two already executed.

Rioting that broke out in

Lhasa March 14, 2008, left 22 people dead and led to the most sustained Tibetan uprising against Chinese rule in decades.

Beijing says the demonstrations were part of a violent campaign organized by the Dalai Lama and his supporters to throw off Chinese rule in Tibet and sabotage the Beijing Olympics.

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Two people in China have been given suspended death sentences for pushing a mentally ill man into a coal mine shaft and then posing as his family members to get compensation for his death, a court said Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Suspended death sentence for fraudsters

Re-enactment Operation Dynamo



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A flotilla of little ships arrive in Dunkirk, France, Thursday to mark the 70th anniversary of Operation Dynamo. The ships sailed from England in a re-enactment of the 1940 operation that saw hundreds of vessels — mostly fishing vessels and privately owned boats — set sail across the English Channel to evacuate 225,000 British troops and 125,000 French soldiers during the Second World War.

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Mexico bans junk food from schools

Mexico is looking to battle the bulging waistlines of its children by banning the sale of junk food in its schools, including many of the traditional treats generations of kids have grown up with.

Getting the axe along with modern soft drinks and sweets will be salted tamarind candy, pork rinds and atole, the thick and sweet cornstarch-based beverage served piping hot in the morning.

The anti-obesity guidelines presented by health and education officials Wednesday make recommendations that at times seem more suited for a Manhattan salad bar than a Mexican school yard.

Tortas — the often overstuffed, greasy, meat-packed sandwiches popular in Mexico — are out, unless they are "light" versions such as beans, avocado and cheese, or chicken-and-vegetables. Only low-fat tacos, burritos and salads will be allowed.

The Health Department says it hopes to have the rules in place when the next school year starts in August. The rules must still be approved by experts and a review com-

"We are the country with the biggest problem of childhood obesity in the entire world"

Felipe Calderon, Mexican president

mittee. The guidelines would cover all 220,000 public and private primary and middle schools serving 25 million students.

President Felipe Calderon launched a nationwide anti-obesity campaign in January, saying the incidence of obesity among youngsters has tripled in Mexico over the last three decades. "Unfortunately, we are the country with the biggest problem of childhood obesity in the entire world," he said.

About 4.5 million Mexican children between the ages of five and 11 are overweight. About 26 per cent of all Mexican children are overweight.

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Death toll in southern Russia bomb attack rises to seven

TERRORISM Officials in Russia say the death toll in a bombing in a southern city has risen to seven.

No arrests have been made in connection with the blast that wounded 28 others Wednesday evening in the city of Stavropol.

The explosion took place near an outdoor cafe that serves as a cultural centre, shortly before a renowned Chechen dance company was scheduled to perform there.

A spokesman for the emergencies ministry office in Stavropol, Sergei Orlov, said Thursday that seven people were killed and 28 others were hospitalized.

Officials are calling the bombing a terrorist act. Russia's Investigative Committee says the bomb was homemade and had the explosive equivalent of 250 grams of TNT, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

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Time to put on your walkin' shoes

UrbanCompass

Steve Collins



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t's easy to get the impression cities are built for cars, not people, and that pedestrians are an afterthought in our ever-growing tangle of multi-lane roads. Sometimes, though, walkers catch a break and encouraging signs abound in Ottawa

these days that they have not been entirely forgotten.

The city's Pedestrian Safety Evaluation Program has targeted Ottawa's 23 most dangerous intersections, where pedestrians are most often hit by cars, for desperately needed safety improvements. Between 2004 and 2009, 1,600 Ottawa pedestrians were struck by vehicles.

Plans are afoot to widen the crowded sidewalks downtown on Metcalfe Street between Slater and Albert. Metcalfe at Slater is the city's busiest pedestrian intersection, with some

3,000 people crossing its multiple lanes of traffic every rush hour and then jostling for space on the curbs.

As a staff report notes, "The sidewalk in this section of Metcalfe is so busy during rush hour that even a casual observer would say it functions at an undesirable level of service." Thanks for noticing.

Even some of the diehard detractors of the ongoing Lansdowne Park reno project are happy to see pedestrian bridges over the Rideau Canal figuring prominently in the final

ists' plans for the park's front lawn design competition.

In the ByWard Market, where traffic not only makes walking and cycling, but even driving a bit of an adventure, the plan is to reclaim some space for walkers at William and York Streets with the construction of a pedestrian plaza this fall. Last month, they started redirecting traffic away from the area as a trial, and already the extra breathing room is noticeable. The city estimates that

banishing cars from the square permanently will reduce air pollution in the immediate area by 26 per cent.

The market this time of year is jammed with tourists. This place is the face we show visitors, and so it makes sense to get it right.

I spent a little time as a tourist this spring on a trip through the southern United States, home of the drive-through liquor store. After seeing countless places where cars came first and foremost, I spent a few days marvelling at the walker's paradise that is downtown Savannah, Ga.

The city is designed around 22 squares located at major intersections, where they slow traffic and provide appealing urban mini-parks populated with plentiful benches, gorgeous trees and historical monuments (some with historical personages buried beneath them.) The traffic tiptoes around pedestrians, instead of the other way around.

Ottawa could use a little Savannah, and these days it seems we're moving in the right direction.

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Views

Teach children about race early: Study

InStep

Christine Williams



CNN recently conducted a pilot study to determine young children's attitude toward race, which raised many eyebrows. The surprising, yet critical findings pointed to a need for parents everywhere to teach children about values and self-esteem much earlier than expected.

To conduct the pilot study, CNN hired consultant Margaret Beale Spencer — a renowned child psychologist and researcher from the University of Chicago. The pictures of caricature dolls were juxtaposed in front of each child. The dolls were identical except for one feature: The colour of their skin, which ranged from very light to very dark.

More than 130 children from eight schools were asked questions about who the smart child was and who the mean child was. The study showed an overwhelming bias in favour of

the white dolls among the white children in the study. Surprisingly, the same bias — though not nearly as strong — showed up in the black children. In other words, the darkest doll was most often identified as the "mean" and "dumb" child, while the lightest doll was identified as the nicest child and smartest one.

The CNN study drew thousands of comments afterwards, including from a broad spectrum of professionals. The consensus was that it is necessary to teach children about race issues during their toddler years,

not leave them to come to their own conclusions, which evidently they do, based on whatever experiences they encounter.

The implications of the CNN race study are critical if we want our children to grow up with healthy self-esteem, regardless of colour. This can expand to any endowment like size and height. Given the implications of the CNN study, parental teaching overall is paramount from an early age.

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A boy looks at a monkey that sells for \$700 US at a pet shop in Baghdad. The sale of wildlife and trafficking of endangered species has been largely ignored by Iraq's government as it has struggled to make the country safer. Conservation groups warn that as people feel safer about shopping, the wildlife trade will continue to expand.

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Youth lead way in online privacy

Study points to social media discretion

What's that? A young college grad lecturing her elders about online privacy?

It might go against conventional wisdom, but a new report from the Pew Internet & American Life Project is adding fuel to the argument that young people are fast becoming the gurus of online reputation management, especially when it comes to social networking sites.

Among other things, the study found that they are most likely to limit personal information online — and the least likely to trust free online services ranging from Facebook to LinkedIn and MySpace.

The Pew study and a mounting body of new research is showing that the very generation accused of sharing too much information online is actually leading the pack in online privacy.

The Pew study found, for instance, that social net-

The survey also found...

- About half of those 18 to 29 have deleted comments that others have made on their profile, compared with just 29 per cent of those 30 to 49 and 26 per cent of 50- to 64-year-olds. The numbers were similar when it came to social networkers who removed their names
- from photos that were tagged to identify them.
- When asked how much they can trust social networking sites, 28 per cent of the youngest adults surveyed said "never." A fifth in the 30-49 bracket said that and just 14 per cent of those ages 50 to 64 agreed.

workers ages 18 to 29 were the most likely to change the privacy settings on their profiles to limit what they share with others online.

The percentage who did so was 71 per cent, compared with just 55 per cent of the 50- to 64-year-old bracket. Meanwhile, about two-thirds of all social networkers who were surveyed said they're tight-

ened security settings.

The Pew report surveyed 2,253 adults by phone in 2009.

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Paper industry poised for return to profitability: Conference Board

The beleaguered paper industry is expected to return to profitability next year after losing more than \$5 billion over the last seven years, the Conference Board of Canada said Thursday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Airline boosts share pool

Air Canada's shareholders have rejected the warnings of its unions that increasing the pool of stocks to reward executives could damage efforts to rebuild the airline.

More than 80 per cent of investors supported a plan Thursday to increase the shares in its long-term incentive plan to nearly 19.5

million or seven per cent of all outstanding shares.

Five million shares were made available at Air Canada's IPO in 2006, representing five per cent of outstanding shares. Only 3.1 million shares remain for distribution, representing 1.1 per cent of the 278 million outstanding shares.

The Montreal-based airline said it needed the extra shares "to attract, retain and motivate employees in key positions."

But the head of the pilots union said the move violates the agreement with employees not to increase executive compensation during the 21-month freeze for execu-

tives and employees that expires next March.

The freeze and contract extension gave unionized workers 17.6 million shares and one seat on the board of directors.

"This sends the wrong message to employees," Capt. Bruce White told shareholders.

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Calin Rovinescu, chief executive of Air Canada, speaks to reporters Thursday at the company's annual meeting.

China Feeling bullish



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The new charging bull statue, a version of the one near Wall Street in New York City, sits on the Bund in Shanghai. After two years of standing firm while markets elsewhere floundered, China's share markets are feeling some pain of their own as investors react to policies aimed at cooling surging housing prices and uncertainty over the financial crisis in Europe.

OMERS eyes health-care field

DEAL The Ontario municipal employees pension fund expects to capitalize on an aging population that needs health care with its offer to buy Montreal-based software company Logibec Groupe Informatique Ltee.

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Brett Favre's recent decision to have surgery on his left ankle gave the Minnesota Vikings more reason to believe he'll be their quarterback again this season. He hasn't officially told the team he'll be back, but the vibe around the Vikings is strongly suggesting he will return. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports



World Cup sex OK: Team doc

Soccer and sex are just fine for the World Cup. That's the word from Argentina's team doctor who says players can have sex with their regular partners during the month-long tournament in South Africa. Dr. Donato Vallani said sex was a part of life. "The players can have sex with their wives and girlfriends during the World Cup," he said on Radio Del Plata. "Players are not Martians." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Six teams, six finals for Pronger, Hossa

Chris Pronger was just what the Philadelphia Flyers needed. Fearless and strong on the defensive end, he was a game-changer the Flyers hoped would make them a championship contender. They gave up two-first round picks in a trade to get him.

The Chicago Blackhawks liked Marian Hossa when they went free agent shopping in the off-season. A strong skater and scoring threat who could also play defence,

they landed him with a big 12-year contract, figuring he would be a veteran influence on a young team with title hopes.

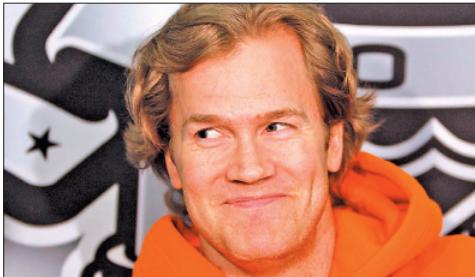
Some players spend their entire career chasing the Stanley Cup without ever hoisting it.

Pronger and Hossa have found their way back to the final again — Pronger for the third time in five years with his third different team. He was on a winner with the Anaheim Ducks in 2007 after losing as a member of the Ed-

monton Oilers the previous year.

"All you hear about is guys talking about it's the toughest trophy in pro sports to win. There's no question it is," Pronger said Thursday after the Flyers arrived in Chicago dressed in matching orange hooded sweat shirts.

Hossa's trek is even more rare. He'll be playing in his third straight championship round with a different team. He's lost his last two, first with the Penguins in 2008 and



Philadelphia Flyer Chris Pronger smiles as he talks to the media Thursday in Chicago.

then last year as a member of the Red Wings when they fell to Pittsburgh and Sidney Crosby.

"Definitely want to touch the trophy," Hossa said. "What you learn is that this is a great opportunity. Somebody will say you know it comes once in a lifetime and it comes three times for me. It didn't work out two times and hopefully the third time will be the one. Just keep hoping and do the best you can."

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If refs let them, Flyers will rough up Hawks: Cherry

The rough-and-tumble Philadelphia Flyers will make life miserable for the speedy, skilled and favoured Chicago Blackhawks in the Stanley Cup final — provided the referees let them.

That's Don Cherry's take on the matchup for NHL supremacy, which begins Saturday in the Windy City featuring two teams that play contrasting styles of hockey.

The Flyers, led by tenacious captain Mike Richards, are a physically imposing group that often straddles the line between clean and dirty in using its size to contain, wear down and punish opponents.

The Blackhawks, on

the other hand, are led by the dynamic duo of Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane and use their off-the-charts quickness and talent to skate around their rivals and pick them apart.

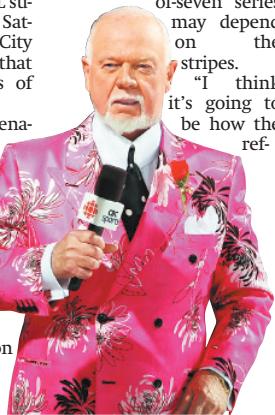
Whether brawn can negate finesse in the best-of-seven series may depend on the stripes.

"I think it's going to be how the refs

freeing is going to be," Cherry, the CBC's famed Hockey Night in Canada commentator, said during a conference call Thursday.

"If they start calling penalties like they did against San Jose (during the Western Conference final versus Chicago), it's really going to be tough on Philadelphia, I'll tell you that. I'm not saying letting it go, but if they let them play hockey, it's in Philadelphia's favour because let's face it, they are a lot tougher."

That toughness is why Cherry firmly believes the final will go a lot longer than many oddsmakers predict it will. The Blackhawks were impressive in series wins against Nashville, Vancouver and San Jose en route to the final, but none are as physical as the Flyers.



Don Cherry

French Open Wozniak wins



Canada's Aleksandra Wozniak, right, shakes hands with Ukraine's Kateryna Bondarenko after defeating her in a second-round match of the French Open on Thursday. The 48th-ranked player from Blainville, Que., needed just over an hour to defeat the 32nd-seeded Bondarenko.

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Jefferson to serve 2 years probation

Minnesota Timberwolves forward Al Jefferson will serve two years probation as part of his sentence for driving drunk. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Nash's bid for glory warrants our attention

Field of Play

Scott Russell

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Professional winter sport is driving to a climax on two fronts. And in the land where hockey is king, a South African-born, Victoria-raised basketball player is stealing the show.

Steve Nash never demands but certainly warrants our attention.

At 36 years of age, bloodied and bruised, the two-time NBA MVP is still in the hunt for a coveted prize that's escaped him — a league championship.



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Phoenix Suns guard Steve Nash after receiving six stitches to his eye against the San Antonio Spurs in Game 4 of the Western Conference semifinals earlier this month.

His quest for the golden ring is the most compelling odyssey any sports fan could ask for. Nash is a David in the land of Goliaths. He makes plays, de-

livers passes and scores points at a rate that leaves much bigger men bewildered.

Many would argue if you're not watching Steve

Nash when he's on the court for the Phoenix Suns, you're not really watching the game.

Then again, he has always flown under the radar

in this country. Nash has won the Lou Marsh Award as Canada's athlete of the year only once — 2004. He could have been the slam-dunk choice at least five times, but at selection time it becomes a case of who's out there besides Nash? In other words, we Canadians sometimes take his talent for granted.

He's an athlete of substance — something not to be discounted.

Nash captained the Canadian Olympic team to a thrilling run at the 2000 Sydney Games. He lived in the Athletes Village and was often found playing table tennis with gymnasts and divers. He left the court in tears after Canada fell to France in the quarter-finals.

Off the court, he's a member of the Order of

Canada and operates the Steve Nash Foundation, which provides millions of dollars to disadvantaged children around the world. He is outspoken on contentious issues surrounding the environment and poverty.

Nash also loves soccer. He remains a very good player and fully plans to be in South Africa for the World Cup. He may have to delay his departure.

There's something about Steve Nash and you don't want to miss it. This great Canadian athlete's chance at crowning glory may never come again.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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Same dream, different jersey for Flyers goalie

Michael Leighton pictured the scene the day he was drafted. He'd bow his head, listen to the national anthem and wait for the Chicago fans to go wild in tingly anticipation of Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final.

Here he is now, 11 years after the Blackhawks drafted him, about to experience that thrill of his career:

Only in a Philadelphia Flyers sweater.

Leighton's winding journey from sixth-round pick to Philadelphia's hottest playoff goalie since the heyday of Bernie Parent or Ron Hextall takes him to Saturday's opening game of the Stanley Cup against the Blackhawks.

Not even on the post-season roster when this stirring run started, the Flyers might not be playing in their first Stanley Cup final since 1997 without Leighton's emergence



Flyers goaltender Michael Leighton, shown here with the Blackhawks in 2003, was drafted by Chicago 11 years ago.

from emergency sub to conference final star.

Keep it up, and the Flyers could be hoisting the Cup for the first time since 1975.

"It's unbelievable to come where I've come from, to be here right now," Leighton said.

Leighton was the first Flyers goalie with three shutouts in one series when he led them to a

five-game win over Montreal in the Eastern Conference final. He's 6-1 with a 1.45 goals-against average and has stopped 95 per cent of his shots faced — numbers that win teams championships and earn an unrestricted free agent such as Leighton a hefty new contract.

Hard to remember now that only a month ago, Leighton felt like an out-

sider on his own team. He was recovering from an injury and was left at home on road trips to continue rehabilitation. Brian Boucher had saved Philadelphia's season with a shootout win in Philadelphia's regular-season finale to clinch a playoff spot and cemented his spot in net.

Boucher sprained a ligament in his left knee in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals on Wednesday night after picking up two technicals in the first half. The league rescinded one on Thursday, clearing Perkins to play in Game 6 when Boston tries for the third time to eliminate the Magic and advance to the NBA Finals.

He won five straight games for the first time in his career and was cruising with a 16-5-2 record until he was injured mid-March in a 4-3 shootout loss at Nashville.

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With Perkins in lineup, Celtics again look to end Magic's run

NBA It's a good thing for the Boston Celtics that the NBA rescinded Kendrick Perkins' technical foul and nixed his suspension.

He might be the only big man they have left to guard Orlando Magic centre Dwight Howard.

Perkins was ejected from Boston's 113-92 loss to Orlando in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals on Wednesday night after picking up two technicals in the first half. The league rescinded one on Thursday, clearing Perkins to play in Game 6 when Boston tries for the third time to eliminate the Magic and advance to the NBA Finals.

"We know what we haven't done, and what we need to do," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said Thursday. "I think we'll be ready to do it tomorrow night."

Even with Perkins, the

Celtics will still be short-handed trying to slow down Howard, who has averaged 26 points and 13 rebounds in the last two games as the Magic twice avoided elimination.

Backup Glen (Big Baby) Davis was diagnosed with a concussion after blacking out on the court from Howard's inadvertent elbow to his face in Game 5. Rasheed Wallace tweaked his back in the game and couldn't even sit down to watch film on Thursday.

Rivers said they are both game-time decisions. Reserve Marquis Daniels also sustained a concussion, and he has been all but ruled out for Friday night's game.

"Our mentality is: We just have to lace them up and go play," Rivers said. "We have a lot of bumps and bruises right now, but we'll be OK."

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The Prince of Persia, Jake Gyllenhaal's first foray into action hero territory, is just good enough to go see.

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Mother masterpiece

Mother

Director: Bong Joon-ho
Stars: Kim Hye-ja, Won Bin
Classification: 18A
Rating: 

ADAM NAYMAN
 for Metro Canada

It might seem a little premature to label a director a "master" four films into his career, but the term applies to Bong Joon-ho.

The South Korean filmmaker's new film Mother plays like an object lesson in cinematic craftsmanship. There's nary a shot out of place, nor any stray plot details that aren't eventually folded into the narrative's arc.

Mother is a cleaner piece of work than Bong's breakthrough hit The Host, and feels more similar with the director's second feature Memories of Murder (2003). In that film, the rivalry between two cops — one from the big city, one from the boonies — was an allegory for South Korea's social-cultural divisions.



Kim Hye-ja plays the titular role in Mother.

Mother retains the earlier film's provincial location but focuses instead on an individual fighting against the system: a nameless, sexagenarian acupuncturist (Kim Hye-ja) roused to action when her son Do-Joon (Won Bin) is accused of a brutal murder.

That Do-Joon may actually be guilty is not a deterrent to Hye-ja's eponymous protagonist, whose ferocious devotion supersedes her (rapidly receding) ra-

tional side. Her transformation to a doddering avenging angel is funny and freaky at the same time, and in its best moments, Mother manages the Hitchcockian trick of making the viewer feel like an accomplice.

Bong's command of thriller mechanics is airtight, which makes the sense of release in the final scene all the more powerful — which is not to say that he gives us any sort of happy ending.

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Sense of fun saves Prince of Persia

Prince of Persia: Sands of Time

Director: Mike Newell
Stars: Jake Gyllenhaal, Gemma Arterton
Classification: PG
Rating: ★★★

NED EHRBAR
 Metro World News

If anyone should see Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time, it's the folks behind the recent Clash of the Titans remake.

In it they'd find a prime example of what their effects-heavy swords-and-sandals adventure was missing: A sense of fun. The film has much in common with Disney's first Pirates of the Caribbean film, though it doesn't quite hit the summer blockbuster mark as well. Neither film is ashamed

of its roots — a video game and an amusement park ride, respectively — and neither is concerned with taking itself too seriously. That's also a good lesson for any Prince of Persia viewer: You're here for a good time, so relax.

In his first foray into action hero territory, Jake Gyllenhaal digs into the role of adopted Persian royal Dastan with gusto, working just as hard at his character's rakish charm as he does at the building-leaping stunt work.

After an enjoyable character-defining prologue and battle sequence, Dastan is accused of planning the king's murder just as he unwittingly comes into possession of a powerful dagger.

On the run, he teams up with initial adversary and eventual love interest Tamina (Gemma Arterton, a



Jake Gyllenhaal and Gemma Arterton thrive in the action of Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time.

survivor of the Clash of the Titans disaster) to protect the mystical artifact and clear his name. While Gyllenhaal and Arterton bat-

tle and bicker, they're surrounded by some able supporting performers, with adversaries led by Dastan's uncle (Sir Ben Kingsley) on

their trail and an ostrich-racing desert mercenary (Alfred Molina) proving to be a hilarious and helpful ally. The fact that hardly

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anyone in the cast is actually, you know, Persian, does stick out, though.

There's a lot going on, but the filmmakers do a good job of keeping things clear and keeping the story moving — though anything based on a video game tends to manage forward momentum pretty easily.

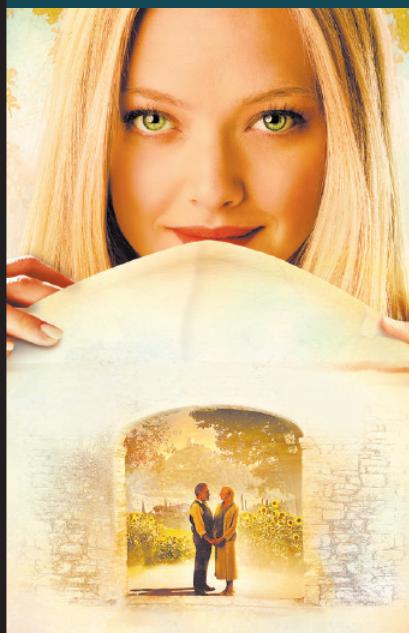
The real appeal here are the set pieces, with thrilling rooftop chases, tense battles and crumbling temples. While the film may stumble a bit in the clumsy resolution to its story, it's still exactly what a good summer movie should be: a fun ride.

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Hold the reviews

You've probably seen the billboards, bus-stop ads and television spots for Killers. They're everywhere, featuring Katherine Heigl and Ashton Kutcher juggling guns and bantering over super-sect identities.

But critics won't see the film before it appears in theatres, part of a growing strategy in Hollywood that relies more on social networking to promote new releases instead of movie reviews.

Lionsgate, which is releasing the action comedy, has planned what's known as a "courtesy screening" for critics the morning of June 4, the

day the film opens. It's a tactic studios normally use when there's a guaranteed niche audience, such as for horror movies or ones based on video games — the logic being that fans of the genre will show up, regardless of reviews. But Killers is a mainstream romantic comedy with two A-list stars and a production budget of about \$70 million.

This time, the studio said it would rather have viewers decide for themselves whether the movie is worthwhile, then write about it on Twitter or Facebook.

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Kutcher in for the kill

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Ashton Kutcher pulled double duty for his latest film, the romantic comedy/action hybrid Killers.

Not only does he star as a loving husband whose past as a CIA assassin comes back to haunt him and his clueless wife (Katherine Heigl), but he also served as producer on the film.

And while he admits they didn't finish on time or on budget, Kutcher is more than pleased with the results. "As a producer, I'm extremely satisfied with the film," he says. "We set out to make a movie that was a \$100 million movie for \$70 million. We got very, very close. I think we were a couple days over and a couple dollars over, but we kept it pretty well close."

Of course, it wasn't the smoothest of rides. Weather issues plagued the production from the beginning, Kutcher says, starting in the south of France. Nice, it turned out, was not so nice.

"We got to Nice, France, and it was supposed to be sunny and beautiful, but it was freezing and windy, and we were on a yacht that was pitching," he says. "And then we got to At-



Katherine Heigl and Ashton Kutcher star in Killers. Kutcher also produced the action comedy.

lanta and, in the middle of the night, one of our generators got struck by lightning, so it just shut us down. And it rained and rained and rained. We

got fogged out one night. Every single time one of those things happened, we just had to completely re-jigger what we were doing, in order to make the movie, make it on time and make it on budget."

As much as he's seen living the Hollywood lifestyle

— and Twittering about it

— Kutcher's producing work keeps his schedule pretty full.

"People are most shocked and most in disbelief that I go to the office every day. I have a job," he says. "When I'm not acting on a movie, I go to work, first thing in the morning." Of course, the acting still comes first, and playing a trained assassin in Killers meant a decent amount of stunt work. While Kutcher did rely on a stunt man for

much of the film — "I'm not as awesome as Tom Cruise," he says. "I don't jump through glass" — he still wanted to be prepared.

"I did some fight training. I learned Krav Maga, Muay Thai and Kali, which is a Filipino knife fighting," he says. "And then I realized that I should have learned how to movie fight because on the first fight scene, I knocked out a stunt guy. I felt really bad about that. And then I kicked [co-star] Rob [Riggle] in the face. I hurt a lot of people. I should have just let the stunt guy do everything."

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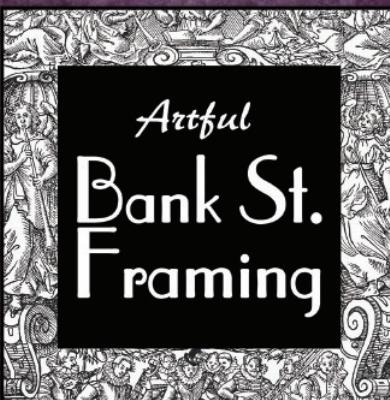
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Carrell wanted for biopic

Steve Carell is being sought for the lead role in a remake of Dennis Lambert biopic *Of All The Things*. The singer became famous after forging hits *Rhinestone Cowboy* and *We Built This City*. [IMDB.COM](#)



Splice melting pot of genres: Polley

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



The upcoming *Splice* is a film set to subvert audience expectations.

Though marketed as big budget horror schlock from Hollywood, it's actually a rather thoughtful and unpredictable Canadian film from Cube director Vincenzo Natali that can be only be classified as a horror movie for lack of any other applicable genre.

The film stars the almost irritatingly talented Sarah Polley in a brief break from her burgeoning career as a director. The Sweet Hereafter star recently spoke with Metro about her new and difficult to classify movie.

"I don't know what it is actually," laughed Polley. "It's somewhere between a horror movie and a sci-

**Splice
opens next
Friday**



Canadian actress Sarah Polley plays a scientist who creates a genetically engineered creature in *Splice*.

ence fiction movie and a drama and a comedy, a real melting pot of genres. I think that's what makes it appealing to somebody like me who wouldn't traditionally seek out a science fiction or horror movie."

Polley appears alongside Adrien Brody as a pair of married scientists who have successfully created the first genetically engineered creature combining both human and animal DNA.

Shunned by the company funding their research, the couple begin raising the creature as their child and the film transforms from a monster movie into a bizarre commentary on the fears of parenthood.

"I think what's interesting about the film is that the humans are infinitely more monstrous than the creature at a certain point.

We've always had monster movies to talk about ourselves and I think *Splice* is in that tradition in a strange way."

Polley is quick to ac-

knowledge that she's not particularly enamored with monster movies, but this film offers much more than empty scares and it was the many layers of the

project that intrigued her. "I want to be in films that have something to say or are innovative or push the envelope in some way and I feel like that can fit

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Sarah Polley

into any kind of film," explained Polley.

While *Splice* gets audiences talking this summer, Polley will be starting work on her next directorial outing, *Take This Waltz* starring Michelle Williams, Seth Rogen, and Sarah Silverman.

She described the film as "a romantic drama about a woman dealing with the honeymoon period in relationships and her attraction to that newness."

Polley is committed to transitioning out of acting and into directing. "It's definitely where I feel like I'm headed," admitted Polley.

Movie morsels

Alice In Wonderland

★★★

REVIEW Tim Burton was born to adapt the surrealist fantasy *Alice In Wonderland*. The visually inspired filmmaker is known for the twisted imagination and affection for the bizarre needed to translate Lewis Carroll's classic universe to the screen. From a technical standpoint, his film is a triumph. The eye-candy will captivate anyone watching with those new-fangled 3-D glasses. However, there's little going on to stimulate audiences beyond the visual flourishes. Burton regulars Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter take on the Mad Hatter and Red Queen respectively and unsurprisingly steal all or their scenes.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

and company spend the next two hours squandering all that good will. The film's primary problem is that it sidelines its main hero and villain, both Stark and Whiplash sequestered in their labs tinkering while supporting characters carry on without them. But among those supporting characters left to move the story without them, there are some enjoyable nods.

Ned Ehrbar/Metro World News

Robin Hood

★★

REVIEW The lore of Robin Hood is so ingrained in minds that trying to produce a story that essentially imagines how he became who he became is remarkably redundant. Filmmaker Ridley Scott teams up with Russell Crowe for the fifth time to reawaken this character but beyond a few flashy action sequences which (in the wake of every medieval fantasy produced since Lord of the Rings) may be impressive but are far from mind-blowing. Crowe and Cate Blanchett (as a damsel never quite in distress) have the Oscar-winning acting chops to breathe life into this blockbuster blueprint. In the end however, this Robin Hood may not "rob from the rich and give to the poor," but after emptying your wallet at the box office, you may just wish it did.

One that thankfully escaped Boll's grasp is this weekend's *Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time*. Despite the LA Times sweeping declaration that games don't work as movies Hollywood heavyweight Jerry Bruckheimer adapted Ubisoft's hit game into a mega-budget summer film. In it Jake Gyllenhaal plays an adventurous prince who must protect the mystical Dagger of Time while also romancing a pretty princess (Gemma Arterton).

Whether this is a blockbuster-in-waiting remains to be seen but so far finding a good video-game movie is

Ladies rule video-game movies

InFocus

Richard Crouse

[metronews.ca/infocus](#)

Uwe Boll has made a career of adapting video games for the big screen. The German filmmaker, nicknamed "the Master of Error" for his sloppily made pictures, brought us *House of the Dead* (No. 56 on IMDB's Bottom 100) and *In the Name of the King: A Dungeon Siege Tale* (five per cent "fresh" rating on Rotten Tomatoes) among other crimes against cinema.

The first video game movie set the tone for many to come.



Milla Jovovich has been the star of the *Resident Evil* franchise

harder than making it to level four of *Ghost 'n Goblins*.

The first video game movie set the tone for many to come.

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Top 5 albums on the Billboard 200

1. Glee: The Music, Volume 3: Showstoppers, Glee Cast; 2. Exile on Main Street (Deluxe Edition), The Rolling Stones; 3. Brothers, The Black Keys; 4. My World 2.0, Justin Bieber; 5. Distant Relatives, Nas and Damian Marley. METRO NEWS SERVICES

In brief

CHARTS The following is HMV Canada's top 5 CDs based on national sales for the week ending May 29.

1. Stone Temple Pilots — Stone Temple Pilots
2. Glee: The Music, Volume 3: Showstoppers — Glee Cast
3. Exile on Main Street (Deluxe Edition) — The Rolling Stones
4. My World 2.0 — Justin Bieber
5. Wavin' Flag — Young Artists for Haiti

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TOP 10**RINGTONES**

1. Airplanes — B.o.B. & Hayley
2. Your Love If My Drug — Ke\$ha
3. Thunderstruck — AC/DC
4. Outro — Usher
5. My Chick Bad — Ludacris
6. Wavin' Flag — Artists for Haiti
7. Break Your Heart — Britney Spears
8. Pyramid — Charice
9. Find Your Love — Drake
10. Nothin' On You — B.o.B.

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Dark side of Winterleep

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

If there's one thing Winterleep doesn't want to be accused of, it's being a brooding band. The Halifax-cum-Montreal five-piece know their music is dark, but that's where their moodiness ends.

"We're not bleak people," says singer Paul Murphy on the phone from Toronto's Hyatt Hotel. "We have this dark channel we turn on, but it's not about being p—ed off."

He's right, the band isn't angry, but they sometimes have a twisted way of looking at the world. On Encyclopedia, the second track off the band's latest album, New Inheritors, Murphy sings about a character who "was flat on his back on the beach in the freezing sand." By the end of the song Murphy wonders if he's still alive and, when he realizes he is he asks,



Winterleep took home the Juno Award for new group of the year in 2008.

"what's it worth?"

There's also a bit of hopefulness, in a roundabout way. On Terrible Man he talks about a 27-year-old who's afraid of aging and has female problems. He doesn't get the girl, but in the end seems calmly resigned with his lot in life.

Murphy says all that gloominess is a "means to an end, where the end is

not necessarily bleak but it's the way of getting there."

While Murphy says that much of the words came from a personal place, outside influences — the collapsing economy, wars and other world issues that occurred since they released their last record, the Juno-winning Welcome to the Night Sky — also account

for some of the unhappier subject matter.

"This record isn't about Iraq or 9/11," says Murphy, "but this sort of stuff will leak into the songwriting and the mood. It's part of everybody's existence."

Musically the band is at their strongest. They tackle a range of sounds from peppy indie rock on Black Camera to epic, atmospher-

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Paul Murphy

ics on Baltic. But it's on opener Experience the Jewel where the band has evolved the most — it's the first time they've used strings, and orchestral arrangements created by Belle & Sebastian's Mick Cooke no less.

"We felt there was some room for strings on the song," Murphy explains. "We could have done more but we didn't want to go crazy. We don't have a string section that we tour with."

"We've never done that before," he adds. "We thought it would be neat to have it on songs that we felt could maybe use a lift."

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Syringe, pills found near Slipknot bassist

PEOPLE The hotel employee who found Slipknot bassist Paul Gray dead in his room told a 911 operator that there was a hypodermic needle next to Gray's bed and there were "all kinds of pills everywhere."

TownePlace Suites maintenance worker Mike Kellow told the operator Monday morning that he found the 38-year-old Gray's body in a corner of his room slumped against a wall.

"There's a hypodermic needle next to the bed here," Kellow said.

The dispatcher asked if Gray was awake.

"Oh God, no. He's all purple," Kellow said.

Kellow told the operator it appeared that Gray had been "gone a while."

Kellow says he checked on Gray after the bassist's mother called the Urbandale, Iowa hotel.

The recording ends with the dispatcher telling Kellow he was sending a police officer.

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Old school hustle

EPMD's Erick and Parrish still Making Dollars

JASON RICHARDS
for Metro Canada

"There was a time in music where everyone felt they had to be like what they heard on the radio and what they saw on TV. Now, it's just straight, raw, hip-hop." Parrish Smith

hip-hop show in 1988. "It was the same vibe, too. Same camaraderie."

Naturally, EPMD's resurgence didn't happen on its own. "We had to bring ourselves back, for real," he says. They created the independent label EP Records and worked out a distribution deal. In other words, they handled their business.

Fans of the group know that "business" is a major theme for EPMD — each of their seven records has the word in its title. Their last, We Mean Business,

dropped in 2008.

And while the album peaked at No. 42 on Billboard's hip-hop chart, Smith says they've been more successful than many acts with major-label deals.

"You can sell a hundred thousand records and still be doing better than someone who's gold or platinum," he says, citing Raekwon's success last year with Only Built For Cuban Linx II as a prime example. At times, Smith seems almost too businesslike, saying he's excited to return to Canada because it's "a big market and we haven't been there in a while."

He is, however, sincerely excited to reconnect with his fans, promising that EPMD will be signing autographs after the show.

As a matter of fact, by the end of this year, PMD will likely be signing copies of his latest solo album, called — wait for it — Business Mentality. He's



EPMD has been one of the most prominent acts in East Coast hip hop over the last two decades.

self," he says.

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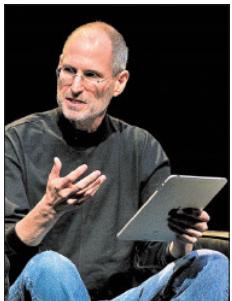
SoundCheck

Alan Cross

Now that Canadians are taking delivery of their iPads, let's look at what Steve's device could mean for music:

- A big uptick in impulse purchases. It'll be even easier to say "yes" to a single song for \$1.29. Before you know it, you'll have said "yes" 10 times. It'll be interesting to see what this will mean for the concept of the album.

- This is the real beginning of the end for traditional printed music magazines. Can you imagine iPad-based music magazines that update constantly? I can't wait for Rolling Stone, Q, Mojo and the rest



Apple CEO Steve Jobs demonstrates how to use the new Apple iPad.

of them adapt. No more waiting for that monthly issue. And no more being two months behind with U.K. publications.

- The social networking aspect of music — sharing song recommendations — will speed up.

- Think of what this means to soundtracks for movies and TV shows. As you're watching, say, Grey's Anatomy on your

iPad and you want to know what the mournful song is under Meredith's sappy soliloquy in the final act, you can just tap to buy instantly. Same with movie soundtracks. If I were into music licensing, I'd prepare for an onslaught of new business.

- And why stop at movies and TV? Now that the iBook store is here, why not assemble soundtracks for books? Can you imagine what Nick Hornby's *Hi-Fi* would sound like?

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A financial adviser to celebrities including Wesley Snipes and Sylvester Stallone has been arrested on charges that he carried out a \$30 million US fraud on his clients. Kenneth Starr, 65, of Manhattan was charged with wire fraud and money laundering. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Stallone's adviser charged

Television

Too many flops, and you get that label

The term "showkiller" can send a chill down the spine of any TV star. Just ask Eric Balfour.

The California native is among a handful of actors and actresses who have occasionally been singled out by critics as "showkillers" — people who practically guarantee a series will not catch on with audiences.

"I kept auditioning for television shows that went to pilot, the network picked it up and it

went on the air," says Balfour, currently shooting the Showcase and Syfy drama Haven in Nova Scotia.

"For whatever reason, those shows didn't stay on the air. And there was a moment when everyone went, 'Oh, it's Eric...'"

Landing a role in a Dick Wolf legal drama in 2006 seemed like Balfour's ticket to renewal. But when even "Conviction" failed to win a renewal verdict, critics pounced, and that

seems unfair, says Balfour.

He argues that he has no control over writing, producing or scheduling.

Part of the showkiller rap can be blamed on the semi-annual network press tours in Los Angeles, where cast members and producers are paraded out on stages each new season.

Many critics in that room keep seeing the same faces every year, and after a few flops, the "showkiller" tag

starts to

sur-

face.

Paula Marshall is a prime example. While her press tour appearances are usually winners, she seems to have bad luck landing a series that sticks. Critics generally rooted for her in the 1998-99 series "Cupid," but it was cancelled after 15 episodes.

Within eight years, she starred in six different series that lasted less than a season, including Snooks (1999) and Hidden Hills (2002).

Gary Unmarried was her first se-

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ries to be picked up past

the first season; it was just cancelled at CBS.

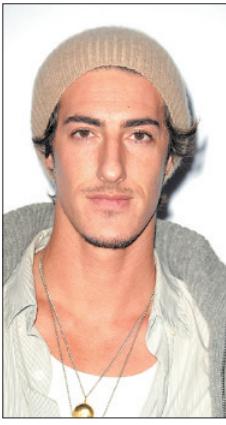
Fortunately for actors like Balfour and Marshall is that Hollywood casting agents keep seeking out these same actors for se-

In good company

• All of the actors on the long-running hit Friends were in flops before striking sitcom gold. Matthew Perry, who returns in the NBC mid-season series Mr. Sunshine next season, was pretty much ignored on such forgotten comedies as Second Chance, Sydney and Home Free. Matt LeBlanc, coming back to TV in the cable

series Episodes, suffered through TV 101, Top of the Heap and Vinnie & Bobby.

• Hollywood A-lister George Clooney paid his dues in several short-lived shows before breaking through in ER. He even appeared in a previous hospital series called E/R as well as such forgotten shows as "Baby Talk."



Eric Balfour in shooting yet another series.



Paula Marshall's latest series was just cancelled.

New on-ice battle for Theo Fleury

Former NHL star Theo Fleury is set to lace up for the upcoming season of Battle of the Blades.

He'll join Russ Courtnall and six other hockey stars for a second go-round of the kitschy CBC reality show, which kicks off Sept. 26.

Fleury recently made headlines for alleging sexual abuse at the hands of former coach Graham James.

"Blades" executive producer John Brunton says Fleury will be a strong competitor on **Theo Fleury**

seen by the Canadian public in a different light than what you've necessarily been seen as," he said.

"My hope for this is that it brings some excitement and some fun to a life that's been very dark and very troubled at times and that he has a great opportunity to have as much fun as we have doing the show."

Claims by the 41-year-old Fleury reopened an investigation into James over abuse that allegedly took place during the 1980s.

CBC announced the Battle of the Blades competitors as it revealed a fall lineup anchored by a sitcom based on the Paul Gross curling film, Men With Brooms and a reality series starring Debbie Travis that will profile unsung heroes across the

country.

Returning programs include The Ron James Show, Being Erica, The Tudors, Rick Mercer Report,

Heartland, and Dragons' Den.

Rival networks CTV, Canwest and Rogers are set to announce their fall lineups next week.

The new season of "Battle" will also include newly retired pairs skater Annabelle Langlois, and re-

turning figure skaters Shae-Lynn Bourne and Christine Hough-Sweeney.

Meanwhile, Men With Brooms joins CBC's Monday-night lineup Sept. 20.

The single-camera comedy is about a group of friends who hang out at the same small-town curling club that was featured in the 2002 movie.

The debut features a cameo appearance by Gross, who resumes his

Trudeau in fictional politics

Political star Justin Trudeau is the latest real-life politician to appear on the upcoming city hall sitcom She's The Mayor. Producers of the VisionTV series say the eldest son of former prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau visited the Toronto set to earlier this week. She's The Mayor stars Janet-Laine Green as Iris Peters, the neophyte mayor of the dysfunctional city of Fairfax. Trudeau, a Liberal MP for the Montreal riding of Papineau, is just the latest political figure to join the cast for a cameo. Others have included former prime minister Kim Campbell and former MP Jean Augustine. She's The Mayor is expected to premiere later this year on VisionTV.

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Michaels' Idol performance a surprise to family, doctor

Bret Michaels didn't tell his doctors or his family that he planned to perform on American Idol. Though the rocker and reality TV star has suffered from life-threatening health problems recently, he sang on Wednesday's star-studded season finale. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Galecki appreciates the trials of geekdom

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News



Television and stage veteran an Johnny Galecki is wrapping up his third season on the breakout hit *The Big Bang Theory*.

Galecki spoke with Metro about his on-screen relationship and working in front of an audience.

Q Were you glad the writers brought Penny and Leonard together relatively early instead of dragging it out?

A Yeah. Chuck Lorre said it best that dangling that romance carrot over an audience's head for a long period of time for many, many seasons has been done a lot, and it's been done very, very well a lot. You know, Leonard has no experience in romance, and I think that Penny's experience in romance has not been all that profound or significant. And I love that it's not become the focal point of the show in any way because that just rings true to me.

Q How do you relate to your character?

A I wasn't a science geek. I was a theater geek, and I think that's how all four of us guys can relate to our

characters. I'm from Chicago where if you're not a jock, then you're not the most popular kid by any means. Jim is from Texas, where that must be the case even more so. So, you know, that's something that we all share with our characters, and I think that refuge that people find in fantasy and science fiction is common when you feel like an outsider growing up.

Q Do you like working with a studio audience?

A Totally. The cameras are really, really easy for me to ignore. It feels like any other theater stage I've worked on. That's what we're doing, you know? These are 22-minute plays we put on every week.

Q With a studio audience, how do you cope when a joke fails?

A It depends on how drastic their lack of a reaction is. It's funny because you expected the laugh there for so long that you just start laughing. I've just fallen flat on my face, haven't I? The writers are right there, and they're great. It's amazing how in 30 seconds they'll have six alternatives for that joke that's



The Big Bang Theory's Johnny Galecki.

conducive to the scene, the timing, and the people in it. It's just incredible.

Q Do you get recognized a lot in public?

A Yeah, we all do. The fact that we all hang out a lot in public still probably doesn't help. I do, on occasion, wear glasses for reading and driving, and that just looks like I'm trying to get recognized now, you know? This has been an entirely different world for us, especially for Jim. Nobody knew who Jim was two years ago, and now he's gotten Emmy nominations, things like that. Also — and this used to happen with John Goodman a lot — because of his height, he

walks in the room and everybody looks over. I can hide in the corner, and you never see me.

Q What about Comic-Con? You must be pretty popular there.

A Well, Comic-Con is amazing. The fans are very sweet. Everyone says that about fans of whatever project they're working on, but I think especially they approach these characters in such a protective manner because they're such vulnerable characters.

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Nelson cuts his hair

Going Out

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Heritage Power and Country Festival

When: Saturday & Sunday
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The Horse

When: All weekend
Where: Canadian Museum of Civilization

The exhibit, which features artifacts, models, dioramas and horse art to interactive stations and high-definition videos, explores the relationship between horses and humans.

2nd Annual Cease & Decyst Fundraiser

When: Saturday, 6 to 11 p.m.
Where: Rideau Carleton Raceway Entertainment Centre

The event features live music, a silent and live auction, draws and the musical entertainment of The Fifth Avenue Trio. Tickets are \$20 and include a barbecue dinner.

Great Glebe Garage Sale

When: Saturday
Where: The Glebe

The mother of all garage sales, this event is what bargain hunters look forward to all year. The event is also a charitable event in support of the Ottawa Food Bank.

Ottawa Veg Fest

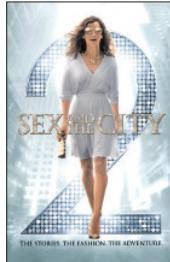
When: Sunday
Where: The Glebe Community Centre

This free event features food demonstrations, a silent auction and speakers including Farm Sanctuary founder Gene Baur, physician and author Michael Greger.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 SATC 2

BOOK On your way out to catch the sequel this weekend, check out *Sex And The City 2: The Stories. The Fashion. The Adventure* (Running Press) for a detailed look at the glamourous ensembles the four fabulous friends wear on their adventure from New York City to the Middle East. Label information on each piece of clothing as well as tons of beautiful photos make up the bulk of the book. However, behind-the-scenes stories, actor interviews and a look at other key cast members are also included. Available at Chapters stores nationwide for \$25.

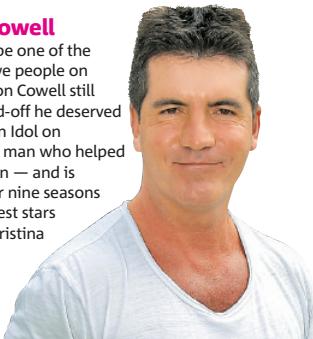


2 iPad

TECHNOLOGY Expect long lines at your local Apple, Best Buy, Future Shop and other tech stores on Friday: Aplen's new iPad — enabling you to browse the net, read books and newspapers, and do a number of other cool things — goes officially on sale.

3 Simon Cowell

TV He may be one of the most derisive people on TV, but Simon Cowell still got the send-off he deserved on American Idol on Wednesday night. The man who helped ring-in reality television — and is quitting the show after nine seasons — did it right, with guest stars Carrie Underwood, Christina Aguilera and Janet Jackson.



A look at Polanski's life, 8 months on

PEOPLE The chalet doors and windows are wide open. Deck chairs are set up on the patio and the garden is strewn with daffodils and wild flowers.

Roman Polanski appears to be leading a charmed existence under house arrest in the luxury resort of Gstaad, as he awaits word from Swiss authorities on whether he'll be extradited to the United States for raping a 13-year-old girl in 1977.

And he may not be going

anywhere soon.

Eight months after his arrest, the Swiss Justice Ministry still won't say when it will decide whether the 76-year-old director should be sent back to Los Angeles to face sentencing for unlawful sexual intercourse. And officials won't even say what the holdup is.

For Polanski, confined since December to his Gstaad chalet and garden, life seems to be moving on as well as could be imagined.

ined when an electronic monitoring bracelet is wrapped around your ankle.

His critically acclaimed film *The Ghost Writer* continues its global rollout, and people close to the filmmaker say he's looking into directing a movie version of the Broadway show *God of Carnage* provided his legal situation clears up.

On a recent afternoon, his home was the very picture of Alpine calm as the wind swept through two



Roman Polanski
sets of open double-doors to his backyard and another to a first-floor balcony.

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MJ's former doctor loses bid

Michael Jackson's former doctor lost a bid in a California court to resolve a child support issue that threatens his Nevada medical license. A hearing is set June 25 before a Family Court hearing officer in Las Vegas. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Glenfiddich ambassador and master distiller Ian Millar, left, teaches Metro reporter Tim Wieclawski how to appreciate scotch recently.

Perfecting the sting

Master distiller shares scotch-drinking rules

TIM WIECLAWSKI
For Metro Canada

I find scotch a little hard to swallow. Straight scotch is tough to drink and stings going down. It makes you wonder why people drink it.

As it turns out, I'm not alone. Even Ian Millar, the master distiller and brand ambassador for Glenfiddich, likes his scotch with a couple drops of water in it. That takes the sting from the alcohol and helps bring out the toffee and caramel flavours.

"It changes it hugely," said Millar, when we sat down at Tosca Ristorante in downtown Ottawa to sample Glenfiddich's 12, 15, and 18-year-old scotches.

However, the bite when swallowed is a part of the drinking experience. Scotch is meant to be taken in small quantities, he said — two, maybe three glasses, over the course of an evening, and that's it.

"It's not about knocking

it back to get drunk," he said. "It's just to gentle you down. A couple whiskies a night is good enough. You're comfortable. You can't drive home but you're still going to be okay the next morning."

There are no rules to drinking scotch, but Millar suggests drinking it at room temperature or slightly warmer in order to bring out the flavours in the scotch.

Millar even wraps his hands around his glass to transfer his body heat to the liquid. When it's warmed up a bit, a light peat flavour should be detectable, he said.

"That's why single malt doesn't really work with ice," said Millar. "But it does in hot countries on very hot days."

According to the law, all single-malt scotch must be in its cask for at least three years. The distilling process involves a delicate balance of liquids matured in European and American Oak casks, that add something

different to the flavour, said Millar.

In the 15-year-old Scotch, they use virgin American oak casks to inject a layer of honey sweetness, European oak to infuse it with a hint of raisin; and ex-bourbon casks to add some spice to the mix.

"If you're going to have a scotch before breakfast, this is a good one," joked Millar.

An 18-year-old scotch is going to have much more flavour and aroma because it has spent six more years in the cask.

Glenfiddich does special editions of older vintages. This year in Canada, they are releasing two bottles of 50-year-old scotch. One bottle is available to only those with \$30,000 lying around. The other bottle though will be opened for a special tasting event at the Fairmont Banff Springs. The only way to take part in that is to win a spot from the "North of 50" Father's Day contest, open now at glenfiddich.ca.

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House of McQueen names new designer

The house of Alexander McQueen has named Sarah Burton, a longtime colleague of the late designer, to be the new creative director of the brand.

In a statement from London released yesterday, Burton said she intends "to stay true to his legacy" by turning out "modern beautifully crafted clothes."

The announcement was part of a series of shake-ups announced yesterday. At luxury label Hermes, womenswear artistic director Jean Paul Gaultier is being replaced by Lacoste's Christophe Lemaire. And Theory confirms a Women's Wear Daily report that Olivier Theyskens, formerly of Nina Ricci and Rochas, will design a capsule collection for next year.

McQueen, hailed as a creative genius in the fashion world, committed suicide in his London apartment in February.

Burton joined McQueen's company in 1996, a year before graduating



Sarah Burton worked closely with Alexander McQueen.

"the vision necessary to take it forward."

"As a business we remain absolutely committed to the Alexander McQueen company which has proved to have a strong customer loyalty and has shown to be a resilient brand in the aftermath of the tragic loss of its founder," said Gucci Group CEO Robert Polet.

Susan Cernek, Glamour's senior online fashion and beauty editor, said hiring from within was respectful to McQueen — and kind to any designer who would be trying to fill such big shoes.

"It seems like a smart move to appoint someone who worked so closely with him," she said. "Someone from the outside might be in an uncomfortable position to try to channel someone who is so revered so soon after he passed away. ... Seemingly the vision that Sarah will bring will be really closely aligned, not his, but closely aligned."

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Lawsuit against Bundchen, Brady dismissed

A judge has dismissed a lawsuit by two photographers who said they were shot at by bodyguards of New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady and Brazilian supermodel Gisele Bundchen. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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CelebTweets

LINDSAY LOHAN is star-struck, **BEN STILLER** was a 24 fan until the end, **MATTHEW PERRY** is still obsessing over Lost, and **LA-DY GAGA** is getting poetic.



@lindsaylohan at a lunch mtng w/my friend Victoria & Johnny Depp just came and said hi to me, life is good. Need I say more? NOPE!

@RedHourBen 24 finale was really moving. That show was so consistently entertaining for so long. I will miss Jack Bauer.

@langfordperry

Knowing what we know now, is it worth going back to season 1 and watching all over again? Why am I up so late? Who am I talking to?

@ladygaga

Love is like a brick. You can build a house, or you can sink a dead body.

METRO WORLD NEWS

**Carey, Cannon to be parents?**

OR MAYBE SHE JUST DIDN'T WANT TO DO A TYLER PERRY FILM Mariah Carey has suddenly dropped out of Tyler Perry's film adaptation of For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf, fuelling speculation that the singer and husband Nick Cannon may be expecting a child. "She is not doing the movie because her doctor advised her not to," a rep for Carey tells Us Weekly. "More than that I cannot comment further."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Fergie going on Oprah

WHAT'S \$724,000 BETWEEN GOOD FRIENDS? The Duchess of York is taking her side of the story to the queen of television.

Just days ago, a British tabloid reported that Sarah Ferguson was caught on video offering access to her former husband, Prince Andrew, for \$724,000. Now, she's going to tell her side of the story to Oprah Winfrey.

The Oprah Winfrey Show says the interview with the Duchess of York will air Tuesday.

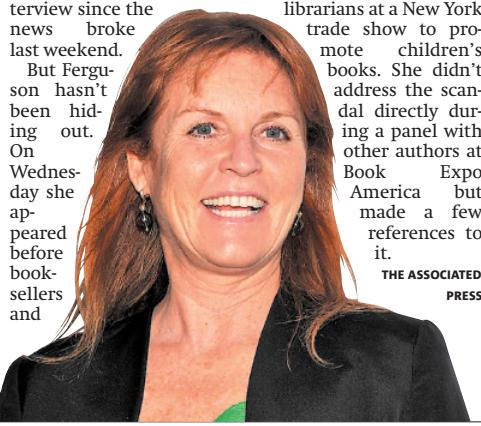
The program says it will be Ferguson's first TV in-

terview since the news broke last weekend.

But Ferguson hasn't been hiding out. On Wednesday she appeared before book-sellers and

librarians at a New York trade show to promote children's books. She didn't address the scandal directly during a panel with other authors at Book Expo America but made a few references to it.

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**Garth blamed for split**

IF YOU ARE GONNA MAKE UP A FAKE AFFAIR AT LEAST HAVE IT BE BRAD PITT OR GEORGE CLOONEY Country music star Garth Brooks has found himself in the middle of a divorce battle between a couple he's never met, according to the National Enquirer.

"My wife would leave the house for periods of time indicating that she was 'going to meet Garth,' refer-

ring to Garth Brooks, the country music singer," the husband claims in court papers ob-

tained by the newspaper. "She claimed to be contacting him by email, cellphone and in person."

The wife insists she's not obsessed with Brooks and has never met him, saying, "My husband was doing drugs, and when I found out, I stopped letting him see my son. That's when they cooked up this rumour I was having an affair with Garth Brooks."

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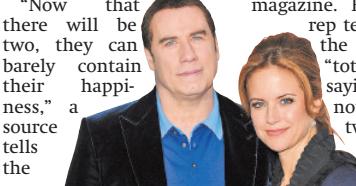
**Twins on the way: Sources**

THE MORE THE MERRIER Rumours are swirling that John Travolta and Kelly Preston are expecting not just one but two babies. Sources tell Star magazine that 47-year-old Preston is actually pregnant with twins.

"Now that there will be two, they can barely contain their happiness," a source tells the

magazine. But Travolta's rep tells Us Weekly the rumors are "totally false," saying, "They are not expecting twins."

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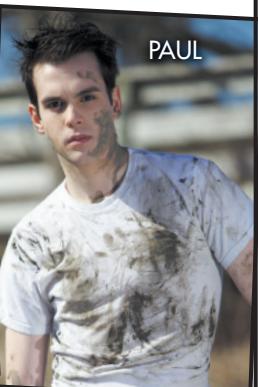
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Celebrity Buzz**Lohan really did lose her passport****BUT HER DOG DENIES CLAIMS OF EATING HER HOMEWORK**

It turns out that Lindsay Lohan was telling the truth about having a return flight from France booked for last week to get her home in time for the court date that she ended up missing, according to TMZ.

Lohan used a travel agency in Nashville to purchase the \$6,860 ticket on Swiss

Air but claims she couldn't take the flight because her passport had been stolen. But she's running out of allies, with ex-boyfriend Aaron Carter saying he hopes she ends up in jail.

"It hurts me to see that. I hope she can really learn something from this," Carter says, according to Hollyscoop. "They are going to make an example of you now, Lindsay, and you deserve it."

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**Bieber has a filthy mouth?****SO HE MIGHT BE A NORMAL TEENAGER AFTER ALL**

Maybe the strain of being a teen sensation is getting to Justin Bieber. Reports are surfacing of some alarming behaviour while on his promotional tour.

"Our floor manager was directing him to where he was about to perform and he turned around and said, 'Don't ever f---ing touch me'

again," Australian TV show host David Koch says during an interview with Mix FM in Sydney. "His audio guy said, 'Don't take offence, mate. He tells us that all the time.'" And while in England, Bieber reportedly gave an interviewer the middle finger and stormed out after being asked about his tattoo, according to Perez Hilton.

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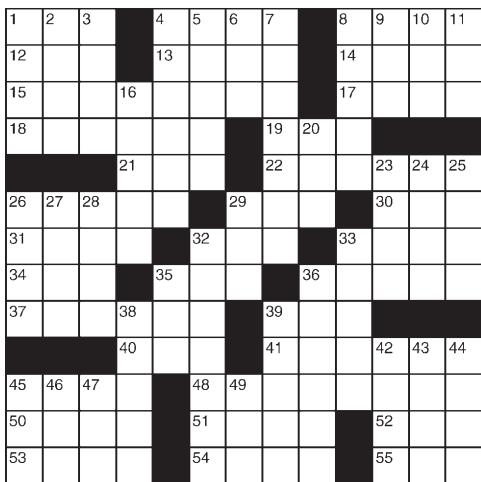
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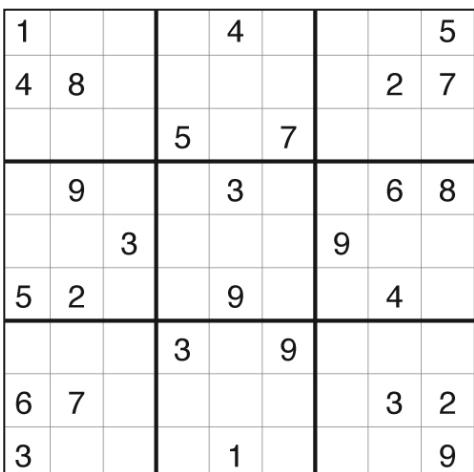
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ACROSS

1 Spring mo.
4 Polio vaccine
pioneer
8 Part of a Super-
man costume
12 Shelter
13 Entreaty
14 Bloodhound's
clue
15 Broadcasting
17 Addict
18 Make beloved
19 Fourth after 1-
Across
21 Branch
22 Listening to
cheesy music,
maybe
26 Water pitchers
29 — out a living
30 Life story,
briefly
31 Make small
talk
32 Pirouette pivot
33 Locate
34 That woman
35 Aachen article
36 Gambling

game
37 Using the In-
ternet
39 Scull tool
40 Peculiar
41 Says
45 Sped off
48 Chased by the
cops, maybe
50 Sitarist's mu-
sic
51 Existed
52 Time of your
life?
53 PC picture
54 Gotta have
55 Just out

DOWN

1 Shaving cream
additive
2 Teller's partner
3 Sent back (Ab-
br.)
4 "Oops! ... I Did
It Again" singer
5 More than just
startle
6 Mainlander's
memento
7 Singalong of a
sort
8 Cold symptom

9 Billboards
10 "Ulalume"
writer
11 Mess up
16 Core
20 French article
23 Last writes?
24 Scourge of
serge
25 Extinct bird
26 Reverberate
27 Timely query?
28 Count coun-
terpart
29 A really long
time
32 Secure with a
rope
33 Specialty
35 Conclude
36 Used a wood-
shop machine
38 Hawkeye
39 Bizarre
42 Verve
43 Anger
44 Old World
duck
45 Calendar hdg.
46 Fond du —
47 Freudian con-
cept
49 Born

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20

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APRIL 21-MAY 21

There are changes in the air, changes that you can profit from if you stay calm and keep your eye on your number one aim.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Friends and family may not approve of what you are doing but you are not about to let that hold you back.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22

As Uranus moves into the work and wellbeing area of your chart today you will no doubt be thinking about ways you can improve your daily routine.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21

What matters now is the big picture. What matters now is the grand design. You know that you are capable of so much more.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21

You are about to undergo a radical change in your outlook, the kind of change that happens only two or three times in a life span.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22

Something you are involved in and believe in has, until now, been more about talk than about action.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20

You will be expected to give up something you have grown used to and fond of, but deep down you know it is time to move on.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23



Something extraordinary and unexpected will happen today and if you are quick off the mark you can be the one who gains the most from it.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18

Uranus, your ruler, moves into one of the more positive areas of the sky for you today and it won't be long before you feel the benefits.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22



An upheaval of some kind will throw those around you into a tizzy today but you will stay calm and stay focused on your number one aim.

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1998: Nuclear testing: Pakistan responds to a series of nuclear tests by India with five of its own, prompting the United States, Japan, and other nations to impose economic sanctions.

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